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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deacon Davis, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

**Reading and Correction of the Journal**

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of February 17, 2026, was read and approved as corrected.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, the report was adopted and ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

**Reading of Communications**

February 10, 2026

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Brian Merrell of Kuna, Idaho, 83634, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 23, Ada County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective on Thursday, February 19, 2026, and will continue until I am able to resume the duties of my office.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Senator Todd Lakey

The President announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

**Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials**

**SCR 120**  
**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE ADVANCEMENT OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING CAPABILITIES IN IDAHO, AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE 1995 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND REQUESTING RENEGOTIATION AND MODIFICATION THEREOF WHERE NECESSARY.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2025, President Trump issued four executive orders to revitalize the United States' nuclear energy industry and to support national security and economic growth: Executive Order No. 14299, "Deploying Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technologies for National Security"; Executive Order No. 14300, "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission"; Executive Order No. 14301, "Reforming Nuclear Reactor Testing at the Department of Energy"; and, of particular relevance to this resolution, Executive Order No. 14302, "Reinvigorating the Nuclear Industrial Base"; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 14302 directs relevant agencies to recommend a national policy that supports the management of spent nuclear fuel, also referred to as used nuclear fuel (UNF), and high-level waste and the development and deployment of advanced fuel cycle capabilities so that a safe, secure, and sustainable long-term fuel cycle can be established, and to evaluate the reprocessing, also referred to as recycling, of UNF from the U.S. Department of War and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) operations and describe the steps such federal departments are taking, or must take, to improve such reprocessing processes; and

WHEREAS, the United States continues to face critical challenges in managing UNF for commercial, research, and national security reactors; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is uniquely positioned to be the nation's premier destination for UNF reprocessing facilities, a status anchored by its existing legal framework, unparalleled existing infrastructure, and a highly specialized legacy workforce due to Idaho being home to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL); and

WHEREAS, INL is a strategic national asset that houses world-class facilities for post-irradiation examination, fuel development, and advanced fuel cycle research and development and is where the original technology for reprocessing was developed and where UNF and high-level waste from commercial, research, and national security reactors are currently, but only temporarily, stored; and

WHEREAS, INL has produced a specialized, multi-generational workforce that has honed its expertise through several decades of continuous fuel reprocessing operations and waste management at the INL site, thereby creating an embedded knowledge base that ensures operational excellence and safety that would be nearly impossible to replicate elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the strong partnerships between INL and Idaho's universities and community colleges ensures a robust talent pipeline for future needs and includes training for nuclear technicians, operators, and maintenance workers; and

WHEREAS, INL is at the forefront of nuclear innovation, with active research and development in aqueous and pyrochemical separation technologies, advanced reactor fuel cycles, and high-assay low-enriched uranium production, thereby

solidifying Idaho's capacity for future, cutting-edge reprocessing efforts; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's legal framework supports the development of nuclear technologies with statutes such as section 39-3027, Idaho Code, which prohibits the enactment of laws banning the use of nuclear energy for electricity generation unless submitted to the electorate at the next earliest general election; and

WHEREAS, INL has a strong regulatory framework for radiation protection, as evidenced by 10 CFR 835, Occupational Radiation Protection, which, among other things, requires compliance with public dose limits consistent with federal regulation; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the State of Idaho, through the Governor and Attorney General, entered into a settlement agreement (1995 settlement agreement) with the DOE and U.S. Department of the Navy, which established maximum amounts of UNF and other specified nuclear wastes allowed into Idaho for treatment at INL and packaging into road-ready containers for more secure storage and eventual shipment out of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 settlement agreement designates INL as the DOE's lead spent fuel laboratory for UNF; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2026, the DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy announced the establishment of the Center for Used Fuel Research (Center) at INL that will coordinate a broad and diverse collaboration through a "hub-and-spoke" network that will encompass other national laboratories within the DOE complex, leading universities, and key industry partners across the United States, and will extend its support to and actively collaborate with international partners, thereby officially designating INL as the DOE's leading institution for critical research, development, and demonstration efforts concerning management of UNF, which are separate and distinct from INL's critical work under the 1995 settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, the DOE's announcement and establishment of the Center reinforce and highlight a key aspect of the 1995 settlement agreement by reaffirming INL as the lead spent fuel laboratory for the DOE; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 settlement agreement defines "treat," as that term applies to UNF or high-level waste, as "any method, technique, or process designed to change the physical or chemical character of the waste or [spent] fuel to render it less hazardous; safer to transport, store, dispose of; or reduce in volume"; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 settlement agreement requires the DOE to "treat" maximum quantities of specified UNF, high-level waste, and transuranic wastes in Idaho so that the same can be permanently disposed outside of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in April 2024, the State of Idaho and the DOE reached a targeted waiver of certain provisions of the 1995 settlement agreement to permit shipments of high burn-up UNF to INL for research purposes, thereby demonstrating Idaho's commitment to advance reprocessing science and enable cutting-edge nuclear research; and

WHEREAS, modern reprocessing technologies offer the potential to recover valuable fissile and fertile materials, reduce high-level waste volumes with more secure, permanent storage of ultimate by-products, and produce reactor-ready fuel to support both national energy security and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, continued development of reprocessing and advancing nuclear fuel cycles in Idaho would create high-paying science and engineering jobs and other attractive career opportunities, support INL's and DOE's mission and the federal policies advancing nuclear energy announced by President Trump's four executive orders, and contribute to national energy independence and economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature strongly encourages:

(1) Expanding reprocessing research, demonstration, and deployment activities at INL and related commercialization with the goal of converting UNF into reactor-ready fuel for reuse across the country and around the world;

(2) Collaboration between state agencies, the Governor of Idaho, the Attorney General of Idaho, INL, DOE, private industry, and academic institutions to identify and support pilot-scale and industrial-scale reprocessing initiatives;

(3) Proactive engagement with local communities, tribal governments, and other stakeholders to ensure transparency, environmental protection, and public trust in any reprocessing proposal; and

(4) Alignment of research and deployment efforts with Idaho's law and with federal safety, security, and nonproliferation standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature declares that, in its judgment, reprocessing of UNF is not inherently in conflict with the 1995 settlement agreement's terms because:

(1) The recovered material would be converted into reactor-ready fuel, not simply stored temporarily or permanently in Idaho;

(2) The chemical and physical transformation envisaged by modern reprocessing is within the scope of the 1995 settlement agreement's definition of "treat"; and

(3) Such activity furthers the objectives of responsible nuclear management and leverages Idaho's capabilities for the good of the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature maintains that any leftover high-level waste and other UNF waste by-product from reprocessing shall remain subject to handling and disposal in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations and the 1995 settlement agreement's terms and conditions, as may be renegotiated or modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the 1995 settlement agreement is determined to restrict reprocessing activity by INL or shipments of UNF into Idaho for temporary storage and reprocessing, the Legislature urges Idaho's Governor and Idaho's Attorney General to renegotiate and modify the 1995 settlement agreement to modify such restrictions in exchange for payment of significant financial consideration to Idaho and perpetual assurance that human safety, environmental protection, and regulatory rigor are preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature directs relevant state agencies and requests Idaho's congressional delegation to advocate for federal support, such as DOE programs, funding, or regulatory reform, to advance reprocessing and fuel-cycle research consistent with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests Idaho's Governor and Idaho's Attorney General to report to the Legislature in the 2027 legislative session on progress made pursuant to this Resolution, including steps taken to negotiate federal commitments of significant compensation to Idaho, such that the Governor and the Attorney General may consider modifying the 1995 settlement agreement to allow additional UNF or high-level waste into Idaho, if any, and to further support INL in developing research programs, and engage private industry and other stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, the

Governor of Idaho, the Attorney General of Idaho, and Idaho National Laboratory leadership.

[SCR 120](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

### Reports of Standing Committees

February 17, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1222](#) was delivered to the Office of the Governor at 1:20 p.m., February 17, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

February 17, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [SJM 108](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 1:32 p.m., February 17, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

February 17, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1276](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[S 1276](#) was filed for second reading.

February 17, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1291](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1291](#) was filed for second reading.

February 17, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1292](#) and [S 1293](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[S 1292](#) and [S 1293](#) were filed for second reading.

Senator Ruchti was recorded present at this order of business.

February 18, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 613](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 613](#) was filed for second reading.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eighth Order of Business.

### Messages from the Governor

February 17, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on February 17, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bill, to wit:

[S 1222](#)

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

### Messages from the House

February 17, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 528](#), [H 521](#), [H 498](#), [H 539](#), [H 516](#), [H 522](#), [H 635](#), [H 594](#), and [H 610](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 528](#), [H 521](#), [H 498](#), [H 539](#), [H 516](#), [H 522](#), [H 635](#), [H 594](#), and [H 610](#) were filed for first reading.

February 17, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1225](#), as amended, which has been signed by the Speaker.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1225](#), as amended, was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

### Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills, House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

#### S 1318

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AUDIT OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-467, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING AN AUDIT OF THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### S 1319

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; AMENDING TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER

67, TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE INTENT, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING SELF-FUNDED PLAN PARTICIPATION, AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1320**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE CONTROLLER; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPEALING SECTION 67-1021C, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE BUSINESS INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; AMENDING SECTION 67-1021A, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1321**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE CONTROLLER; AMENDING SECTION 67-1085A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING NONCOMPLIANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1322**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1114, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING AN AFFIDAVIT IN LIEU OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1323**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO CONSTITUTIONAL MONEY ACT OF 2025; AMENDING SECTION 67-9803, AS ENACTED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 107, LAWS OF 2025, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF TENDERING THE TYPE OR FORM OF SPECIE EXPRESSLY DESIGNATED IN CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1324**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 1-2404, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE; AMENDING SECTION 34-615, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE; AMENDING SECTION 34-616, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE

OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1325**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN FEE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-417G, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH WHITE AND BLACK LICENSE PLATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1326**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY; AMENDING TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 71, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**S 1327**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-624, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL PARTIES MAY ADD ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1328**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNSEL FOR THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 38-107, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING UNCONTROLLED FIRES; AMENDING SECTION 38-113, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FOREST LAND PROTECTION AND LIENS; AMENDING SECTION 38-118, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DUTY OF RAILROADS AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 38-123, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF SLASH, INJUNCTIONS, LIENS, AND ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 38-128, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DUTIES OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS AND GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 38-808, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RECORDING LOG BRANDS AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 38-1220A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING CIVIL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 38-1221, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CIVIL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, CRIMINAL ACTIONS, AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 38-1307, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CIVIL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 47-314, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 47-718, IDAHO CODE, TO

REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION; AMENDING SECTION 47-1317, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATION, PERMIT, AND BOND FOR PLACER OR DREDGE MINING; AMENDING SECTION 47-1324, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 47-1513, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING AN OPERATOR'S FAILURE TO COMPLY; AMENDING SECTION 58-120, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 58-312, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING OCCUPATION OF STATE LAND WITHOUT A LEASE; AMENDING SECTION 58-1308, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 67-1406, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1318](#), [S 1319](#), [S 1320](#), [S 1321](#), [S 1322](#), [S 1323](#), [S 1324](#), [S 1325](#), [S 1326](#), [S 1327](#), and [S 1328](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 528](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 521](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 498](#) and [H 539](#), by State Affairs Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 516](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 522](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 635](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 594](#) and [H 610](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

#### Second Reading of Bills

[H 555](#), by Local Government Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

#### Third Reading of Bills

[S 1242](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Blaylock arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Brooks (Lakey), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway,

Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hawkins (Anthon), Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1242](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1243](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Blaylock arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Brooks (Lakey), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hawkins (Anthon), Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1243](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 514](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Brooks (Lakey), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hawkins (Anthon), Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 514](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 515](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Blaylock arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Brooks (Lakey), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hawkins (Anthon), Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 515](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[S 1244](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Semmelroth arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Brooks (Lakey), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hawkins (Anthon), Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1244](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1261](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1261](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Acting Senator Brooks arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES--Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Brooks (Lakey), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hawkins (Anthon), Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1261](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

#### **Miscellaneous Business**

President Bedke called Senator Den Hartog to the Chair.

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 12:02 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary