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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.
Roll call showed all members present.
Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Haeden Carter, 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 23, 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.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

February 23, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 115](#) has been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [SCR 115](#) and ordered it transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

February 23, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1300](#) and [S 1301](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1300](#) and [S 1301](#) were filed for second reading.

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The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1331](#) and [S 1332](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1331](#) and [S 1332](#) were filed for second reading.

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The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [H 587](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[H 587](#) was filed for second reading.

February 23, 2026

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointment be confirmed by the Senate:

James Keating to the Parks and Recreation Board, term to expire June 30, 2031.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

February 23, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1308](#), [S 1309](#), and [S 1311](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1308](#), [S 1309](#), and [S 1311](#) were filed for second reading.

February 23, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1317](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1317](#) was filed for second reading.

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The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 528](#) and [H 558](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[H 528](#) and [H 558](#) were filed for second reading.

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The TRANSPORTATION Committee reports out [H 500](#) and [S 1272](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

OKUNIEWICZ, Chairman

[H 500](#) and [S 1272](#) were filed for second reading.

February 24, 2026

The AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1283](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

NICHOLS, Chairman

[S 1283](#) 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 23, 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 23, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bill, to wit:

[S 1225](#), as amended

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 23, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 652](#), [H 556](#), [H 602](#), [H 654](#), [H 549](#), [H 628](#), and [H 663](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 652](#), [H 556](#), [H 602](#), [H 654](#), [H 549](#), [H 628](#), and [H 663](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the following attaches were elected to fill the offices provided for by the *Constitution* of the State of Idaho and by statute:

Pages:

Drew Brown, Eagle
Haeden Carter, Nampa
Olivia Earle, Boise
Isabella Froshiesar, Weiser
Iver Iverson, Boise
Grace Lowder, Garden City
Louie Reale, Sagle
Johnathan Richardson, Shelley
Hazel Stephens, Kuna
Antoine Taylor, Rigby
Drew Washow, Eagle
Caleb Williams, Idaho Falls

Whereupon the President instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms, Sarah Jane McDonald, to escort the attaches to the Well of the Senate at which time the Oath of Office was administered to the elected attaches and they were escorted from the Well of the Senate.

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 1336****BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1602, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CIVICS INSTRUCTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-118C, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CURRICULAR MATERIALS FOR AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS INSTRUCTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1337**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 43-201, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING IRRIGATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1336](#) and [S 1337](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 652](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 556](#), by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 602](#) and [H 654](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 549](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 628](#) and [H 663](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Transportation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 551](#) and [H 594](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, were 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 1254](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. President Pro Tempore Anthon arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth,

Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS–None.

Absent and excused–Lent. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1254](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1264](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[H 533](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Bernt arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS–Carlson, Foreman, Galloway, Taylor. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 533](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[S 1258](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Shippy arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 26.

NAYS–Burtenshaw, Cook, Grow, Hart, Kohl, Lent, Ricks, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 9.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1258](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 502](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Harris arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, 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 502](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 555](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ricks arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS–None.

Absent and excused–Rabe. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 555](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

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

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:59 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary