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**FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Bjerke, Cook, Lent, and Semmelroth, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Iver Iverson, 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 26, 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 16, 2026

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Lesli Bjerke of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83814, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 5, Kootenai County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Monday, March 2, 2026, and will continue until I am able to resume the duties of my office.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Senator Carl Bjerke

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Monday, March 2, 2026.

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

February 27, 2026

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Darl Bruner of Nampa, Idaho, 83686, as a

qualified substitute for Legislative District 12, Canyon County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Monday, March 2, 2026, and will continue until Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Senator Ben Adams

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Monday, March 2, 2026.

The correspondence was 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 27, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 116](#), [S 1342](#), [S 1343](#), [S 1344](#), [S 1345](#), and [S 1346](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 116](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1342](#) was referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[S 1343](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1344](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1345](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[S 1346](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1221](#) has been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [S 1221](#) and ordered it transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

February 26, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [SCR 115](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 2:25 p.m., February 26, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

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The TRANSPORTATION Committee reports out [H 628](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

OKUNIEWICZ, Chairman

[H 628](#) was filed for second reading.

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The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 583](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 583](#) was filed for second reading.

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The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 610](#), [H 620](#), and [H 731](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 610](#), [H 620](#), and [H 731](#) were filed for second reading.

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

#### Messages from the House

February 26, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HJM 14](#), [H 676](#), [H 737](#), [H 615](#), [H 683](#), [H 684](#), [H 645](#), [H 703](#), [H 560](#), and [H 637](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[HJM 14](#), [H 676](#), [H 737](#), [H 615](#), [H 683](#), [H 684](#), [H 645](#), [H 703](#), [H 560](#), and [H 637](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

#### Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SJM 114](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 28](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President Pro Tempore announced that [HCR 28](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, [HCR 28](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

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

[HJM 14](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 676](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 737](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 615](#), [H 683](#), and [H 684](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 645](#) and [H 703](#), by Business Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 560](#) and [H 637](#), by State Affairs Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

#### Second Reading of Bills

[H 511](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1269](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), and [S 1307](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 639](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1241](#), as amended, [S 1270](#), as amended, and [S 1271](#), as amended, by Agricultural Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1285](#), as amended, by Commerce and Human Resources 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

On request by Senator Galloway, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1294](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1264](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

[S 1257](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Wintrow arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Bernt, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward.  
Total - 24.

NAYS—Adams, Anthon, Hart, Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld.  
Total - 6.

Absent and excused—Bjerke, Cook, Lent, Ruchti, Semmelroth. Total - 5.

Paired and voting included in roll call:

AYE - Ricks	NAY - Zuiderveld
AYE - Den Hartog	NAY - Hart
AYE - Taylor	NAY - Adams

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1257](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, all Senate bills were placed at the head of the Third Reading Calendar, followed by House bills.

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., Monday, March 2, 2026.

KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary