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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026**

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Toews, and Woodward, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Blaylock and Keyser, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristian Fusco, 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 January 15, 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

January 14, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President,

Pursuant to Section 74-709, *Idaho Code*, I submit from the records of this office the enclosed listing of names of the lobbyists registered under the law.

Live information pertaining to registered lobbyists, and their employers and/or clients, can be found at: <https://sunshine.voteidaho.gov/lobbyists>.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office for assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/ Phil McGrane
Secretary of State

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

January 16, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1221](#), [S 1222](#), and [S 1223](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1221](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1222](#) and [S 1223](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

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

Messages from the Governor

January 15, 2026

Jennifer Novak
Secretary of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam Secretary:

As required by Section 57-1601, *Idaho Code*, I am transmitting the following report of the Governor's Emergency Fund for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Balance as of July 1, 2024	\$658,877.76
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U of I Investigation/ Operation Esto Perpetua Exp.	<u>(\$6,350.54)</u>
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Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$652,527.22
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No activity year-to-date
in fiscal year 2026

Balance as of December 31, 2025	\$652,527.22
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Committed ISP assistance in ICE operations (Board Of Examiners approved June 17, 2025)	<u>(\$300,000.00)</u>
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Estimated Balance as of June 30, 2026	\$352,527.22
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Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

Senator Blaylock was recorded present at this order of business.

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 10:47 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 19, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary