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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Johnathan Richardson, 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 March 3, 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 Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SR 118 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROPOSING THE CREATION OF A STATE PLAN FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE BLUEPRINT TO ENSURE THAT INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED TO SUPPORT KINSHIP CAREGIVERS ARE COORDINATED AND TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES.

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

WHEREAS, kinship caregivers are grandparents, other adult family members, or close family friends who are raising children when such children's parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, kinship caregivers offer children permanency and improved well-being and reduce dependency on the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, for every one Idaho child in foster care being raised by kin, there are 18 being raised by kin outside of foster care; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 children in Idaho are being raised by their grandparents; and

WHEREAS, more than 43,000 children are living in homes where a relative is the head of household; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and selflessness of kinship caregivers enhance the quality of life for those they care for, often sacrificing their time, energy, emotional and physical health, financial stability, and personal goals to provide care and support; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a solid support structure for kinship caregivers, including access to resources and respite care, takes a serious toll on the economic and social well-being of families and businesses and communities across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, kinship caregivers and those they care for would benefit from a multi-sector state-planning initiative to connect public, private, and independent sectors to transform the infrastructure and coordination of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, that the Senate endorses the efforts of the Idaho caregiver alliance to develop a state plan for kinship caregivers and recommendations to increase public awareness, to provide training for caregivers, to improve caregiver supports, including respite resources, to integrate support for kinship caregivers into education and health care systems, and to develop methods for ongoing data collection and reporting to monitor changes and assure responsible use of public and private resources.

SCR 124

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND SUPPORTING WILDLIFE CROSSINGS.

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

WHEREAS, Idaho is home to abundant populations of big game species, including mule deer, elk, and pronghorn, that require intact, long-distance seasonal migrations to access critical habitat for survival; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 big game migration corridors have been mapped across the state, demonstrating that landscape connectivity is vital to Idaho's wildlife and outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, preserving and promoting big game migration corridors contributes to Idaho's robust economy and outdoor traditions by promoting healthy wildlife populations that support hunting, outfitting, and other outdoor recreation industries; and

WHEREAS, significant numbers of mule deer, elk, and pronghorn crossing Idaho's highways pose a danger to both wildlife and humans, leading to elevated rates of wildlife-vehicle collisions that result in preventable mortality for both wildlife and humans; and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of wildlife-vehicle collisions endanger human lives and cause millions of dollars in property damage and insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, wildlife-vehicle collisions pose a clear risk to public safety, but such risk may be mitigated by certain infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, where appropriate and supported by the local community, strategic investments in wildlife crossings, such as overpasses, underpasses, and related fencing, have proven highly effective in reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions by over 80% while maintaining the integrity of migration corridors, enabling wildlife to travel between summer and winter ranges; and

WHEREAS, multiple infrastructure projects in Idaho facilitating the safe movement of wildlife across roadways, including the first wildlife overpass constructed in the state, the Cervidae Peak Wildlife Overpass over Highway 21, have shown significant benefits to wildlife movement and to reductions in wildlife-vehicle collisions, demonstrating the effectiveness of crossing structures and providing a basis of success to build on elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, engaging with local communities and providing affected stakeholders with relevant information regarding associated infrastructure projects for facilitating wildlife movement across highways is an important component of implementing initiatives to conserve intact migration corridors in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, a proactive approach to promoting intact wildlife migration corridors, including coordination with state agencies and local communities, will contribute to the long-term viability of Idaho's wildlife resources and enhance public safety.

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 supports the advancement of public safety and conservation of Idaho's big game migration corridors through the development and implementation of wildlife crossings where appropriate and supported by local communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Director of the Idaho Transportation Department.

[SR 118](#) and [SCR 124](#) were 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

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1362](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1362](#) was referred to the Finance Committee.

March 3, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 543](#) and [H 563](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 543](#) and [H 563](#) were filed for second reading.

March 4, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 652](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 652](#) was 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

March 3, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 695](#), [H 697](#), [H 727](#), [H 678](#), [H 745](#), [H 733](#), [H 720](#), [H 723](#), [H 664](#), and [H 667](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 695](#), [H 697](#), [H 727](#), [H 678](#), [H 745](#), [H 733](#), [H 720](#), [H 723](#), [H 664](#), and [H 667](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that [HCR 24](#), having been held, was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Toews, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [HCR 24](#) 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, [SCR 120](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SCR 120](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lent, seconded by Senator Ruchti, [SCR 120](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SJM 112](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SJM 112](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Cook, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [SJM 112](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered transmitted 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

S 1363

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO NATURAL RESOURCES; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, THE ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER

RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REMEDIATION PROJECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION (BASIN) FUND; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND TO THE AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; DIRECTING THE USE OF THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN COSTS OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF MONEYS FROM EARNINGS RESERVE FUNDS TO INCOME FUNDS; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE FOREST AND RANGE FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM FROM EXPENSE CLASS TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR OPERATIONS PROGRAM GRANTS FROM EXPENSE CLASS TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION FUND; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT FUND FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT FUND FOR WATER PROJECTS; DIRECTING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR WATER MANAGEMENT FUND PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1364**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES; AMENDING SECTION 67-5226, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY RULES; AMENDING SECTION 67-5291, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1365**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES; AMENDING SECTION 67-6606, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1366**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-102, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A DEFINITION AND PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 34-106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING LIMITATION ON ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-606, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT; AMENDING SECTION 34-703, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING NOMINATION AT PRIMARY; AMENDING SECTION 34-1214, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PROVISION REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO A CERTAIN FEDERAL OFFICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1367**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 41-349A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DISPENSING FEES; AMENDING SECTION 41-349, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DISPENSING FEES, AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DUTIES AND RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS AND THIRD-PARTY PAYERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1368**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 61, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 61-335, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING NEW LARGE LOADS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1363](#), [S 1364](#), [S 1365](#), [S 1366](#), [S 1367](#), and [S 1368](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 695](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 697](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 727](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 678](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 745](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 733](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 720](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 723](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 664](#) and [H 667](#), 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

[S 1335](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 591](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1342](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1361](#), by Finance Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 532](#) and [H 663](#), by Transportation and Defense 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

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1264](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for Monday, March 9, 2026.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1305](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1241](#), as amended, having been held, 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?"

On request by Senator Shippy, granted by unanimous consent, the following typographical correction was made to [S 1241](#), as amended, pursuant to Senate Rule 9(F):

On page 1, line 16 following "hardship" add "for,".

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

NAYS—Rabe, Semmelroth, Taylor. Total - 3.

Absent and excused—Galloway. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1241](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

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

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate went at ease and resolved itself into the Committee for the Idaho Day Service.

Idaho Day Service

The Idaho Day Service was presented to the members of the Senate with Co-chair Senator Kohl providing opening remarks. Prayer was offered by Jon Strain, Capitol Ministries.

Kate Howk, Boise State University, offered remarks on the history of Idaho.

Tyson Peck, Idaho State University, performed "Forever Idaho".

Paul Smith, University of Idaho, offered remarks on the future of Idaho.

Co-chair Senator Kohl offered closing remarks. He extended gratitude to all those who participated in the Idaho Day Service, and the Idaho Day Service Committee was dissolved.

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

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 12:07 p.m. until the hour of 4 p.m. of this day.

RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 4 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Adams, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Galloway, Lent, Nichols, Semmelroth, Shippy, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward, and Zito, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Fifth Order of Business, Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials.

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, and Woodward were recorded present at this order of business.

SR 119 BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE IDAHO HOP GROWERS' COMMISSION HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WITH AN EXCEPTION.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67-5291, Idaho Code, standing committees of the Legislature shall review any temporary or pending rule that is germane to its committee and has been published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho

State Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Hop Growers' Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, that all temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Hop Growers' Commission, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and submitted through the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator to the Legislature for review during the 2026 legislative session have been reviewed and approved by the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee with the exception of IDAPA 02.06.01, Department of Agriculture, Rules Governing the Production and Distribution of Seed, Docket No. 02-0601-2501, Section 112., new subsections .01 through .05, only, which were not approved.

[SR 119](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

Senators Carlson and Nichols were recorded present at this order of business.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

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The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1362](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1362](#) was filed for second reading.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [H 520](#), [H 541](#), [H 581](#), and [S 1260](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[H 520](#), [H 541](#), [H 581](#), and [S 1260](#) were 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

March 4, 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 March 4, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bill, to wit:

[S 1221](#)

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

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 Eleventh Order of Business.

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S 1369

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PLACE OF TRIAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 5-404, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO OTHER ACTIONS, VENUE, AND CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 5, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 5-404, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING OTHER ACTIONS, VENUE, AND CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1370

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ABORTION TRAFFICKING; AMENDING SECTION 18-623, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING ABORTION TRAFFICKING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1371

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-145, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE IDAHO STUDENT SAFETY AND EDUCATOR DISCLOSURE ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1372

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-144, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE IDAHO EDUCATION WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1369](#), [S 1370](#), [S 1371](#), and [S 1372](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

General Calendar

Senators Cook, Semmelroth, Shippy, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Zito were recorded present at this order of business.

The President declared the Senate resolved into the Committee of the Whole and called Senator Harris to the Chair to preside during the sitting of the Committee of the Whole.

Following the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole, the President called the Senate to order.

Report of the Committee of the Whole

Senator Harris, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported out [S 1224](#), [S 1326](#), and [S 1340](#), without recommendation, amended as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1224

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 23 through 28, and insert: "highways except when no safe and reasonable designated turnout or location exists for a slow moving vehicle, farm tractor, construction equipment, or implement of husbandry to temporarily exit the roadway or otherwise allow traffic to pass.".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1326

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 2 of the printed bill, in line 12, delete "property owner"; in line 13, delete "or lessee" and insert: "rangeland improvement account established in section 58-1504, Idaho Code"; and in line 27, following "deputies," insert: "county coroner,".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1340

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, in line 26, following "vehicle" insert: "or vehicles"; and in line 27, delete "congested" and insert: "obstructed by vehicles traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic".

The Committee also has [H 494](#), [H 613](#), [H 526](#), [S 1297](#), [S 1294](#), and [S 1299](#) under consideration, reports progress, and begs leave to sit again.

HARRIS, Chairman

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the report was adopted by voice vote.

[S 1224](#), as amended, [S 1326](#), as amended, and [S 1340](#), as amended, were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for engrossing and the amendments thereto were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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 4:49 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, March 5, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary