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**FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 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 Den Hartog, Rabe, and Woodward, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Drew Washow, 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 5, 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 27, 2026

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Vince Rundhaug of Grangeville, Idaho, 83530, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 7, Idaho County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective upon adjournment of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee on Monday, March 9, 2026, and will continue until March 12, 2026.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Cindy Carlson

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Monday, March 9, 2026.

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

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Jake Coho of Nampa, Idaho, 83687, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 13, Canyon County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Monday, March 9, 2026, and will continue until Friday, March 13, 2026.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Brian Lenney

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Monday, March 9, 2026.

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

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

Reports of Standing Committees

March 6, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1373](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1373](#) was referred to the Finance Committee.

March 5, 2026

The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1363](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1363](#) was filed for second reading.

March 5, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 544](#) and [H 642](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 544](#) and [H 642](#) were filed for second reading.

March 5, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 703](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

FOREMAN, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 703](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

March 5, 2026

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

Jeff Cilek to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Board, term to expire July 1, 2030.

FOREMAN, 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.

March 5, 2026

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [S 1355](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

RICKS, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1355](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

March 5, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 723](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[H 723](#) was filed for second reading.

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

Messages from the Governor

March 5, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Charles "Skip" Smyser of Parma, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Lottery Commission to serve a term commencing January 1, 2026, and expiring January 1, 2031.

This reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of reappointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

March 5, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Nicholas Guho of Eagle, Idaho, was appointed to the State Building Authority to serve a term commencing February 24, 2026, and expiring January 1, 2029.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

March 5, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Todd Christensen of Meridian, Idaho, was appointed to the State Building Authority to serve a term commencing March 2, 2026, and expiring January 1, 2031.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

March 5, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 585](#), [H 736](#), [H 626](#), [H 749](#), [H 650](#), [H 788](#), [H 738](#), [H 685](#), [H 696](#), [H 686](#), [H 670](#), [H 734](#), [H 570](#), as amended, [H 561](#), as amended, [H 692](#), as amended, [H 575](#), as amended, [H 562](#), as amended, [H 810](#), [H 593](#), [H 714](#), [H 507](#), [H 742](#), [H 772](#), [HJM 13](#), [HJM 16](#), [HCR 29](#), and [HCR 30](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 585](#), [H 736](#), [H 626](#), [H 749](#), [H 650](#), [H 788](#), [H 738](#), [H 685](#), [H 696](#), [H 686](#), [H 670](#), [H 734](#), [H 570](#), as amended, [H 561](#), as amended, [H 692](#), as amended, [H 575](#), as amended, [H 562](#), as amended, [H 810](#), [H 593](#), [H 714](#), [H 507](#), [H 742](#), [H 772](#), [HJM 13](#), [HJM 16](#), [HCR 29](#), and [HCR 30](#) were filed for first reading.

March 5, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1248](#) and [S 1249](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[S 1248](#) and [S 1249](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 5, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 24](#) and [H 624](#) for the signature of the President.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [HCR 24](#) and [H 624](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

On request by Senator Harris, 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 1374

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM; AMENDING TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 25, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PARENT QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATION, ELIGIBILITY, AND REDETERMINATION, TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO CREATE A WAITING LIST AND ADJUST ELIGIBILITY, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PROGRAM INTEGRITY, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PROGRAM OVERSIGHT, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A PROGRAM VENDOR, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE STATE PLAN AND LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS, AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING; AMENDING SECTION 39-1111, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1375

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISIONS OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY, EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, WELFARE, MEDICAID, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION, AND INDEPENDENT COUNCILS, AND TO THE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT

POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE FUND; DIRECTING EXPENDITURES FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM INTEGRITY; CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CERTAIN CHILDREN IN STATE CARE; DIRECTING THE USE OF CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION AND TREATMENT ACT FUNDS; REQUIRING A MONTHLY MEDICAID TRACKING REPORT; ALLOWING FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MEDICAID PROGRAMS; REQUIRING A REPORT ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IMPLEMENTATION; REQUIRING COST-SHARING FOR SERVICES; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE (GENERAL) FUND TO THE RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUDGET INTEGRITY FOR MEDICAID; ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR SMOKING CESSATION; DIRECTING EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECT FILTER; REQUIRING REPORTS ON FACILITY LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS; LIMITING THE TRANSFER OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION; REQUIRING REPORTS REGARDING FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTERS; DIRECTING THE USE OF THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT; DIRECTING USES OF THE IDAHO MILLENNIUM INCOME FUND; PROVIDING FOR IDAHO DRUG FREE YOUTH OVERSIGHT; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM; DIRECTING ACQUISITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1374](#) and [S 1375](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 585](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 736](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 626](#), by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 749](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 650](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 788](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 738](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 685](#) and [H 696](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 686](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 670](#) and [H 734](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 570](#), as amended, by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 561](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 692](#), as amended, by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 575](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 562](#), as amended, by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 810](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 593](#) and [H 714](#), by Environment, Energy and Technology Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 507](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 742](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Transportation Committee.

[H 772](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[HJM 13](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[HJM 16](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[HCR 29](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[HCR 30](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1345](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1353](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 599](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1224](#), as amended, by Transportation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1326](#), as amended, and [S 1340](#), as amended, by State Affairs 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 Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1335](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

[S 1285](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Toews 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—Wintrow. Total - 1.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1285](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1286](#) 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, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Foreman, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1286](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [SJR 103](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1323](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Hart 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—Wintrow. Total - 1.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1323](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1338](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Hart 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, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 24.

NAYS—Bernt, Guthrie, Lent, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 8.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1338](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1328](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1342](#) 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, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 30.

NAYS—Taylor. Total - 1.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1342](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1361](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[H 531](#) 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, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 531](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 518](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 518](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 512](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Guthrie 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward.
Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 512](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 551](#) 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld.
Total - 31.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward.
Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 551](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 594](#) 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Keyser (Galloway), Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld.
Total - 31.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward.
Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 594](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 587](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Burtenshaw 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser (Galloway), Lakey, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 21.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Foreman, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Absent and excused—Den Hartog, Lent, Rabe, Woodward.
Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 587](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

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

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, March 9, 2026.

KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary