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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Semmelroth, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator VanOrden, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caleb Williams, 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 9, 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

March 10, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1376](#), [S 1377](#), and [S 1378](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1376](#) and [S 1377](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1378](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

March 9, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [H 540](#), [H 556](#), [H 688](#), and [SCR 114](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[H 540](#), [H 556](#), and [H 688](#) were filed for second reading.

[SCR 114](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

March 9, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1330](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1330](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Messages from the House

March 9, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 545](#), [H 702](#), [H 638](#), [H 765](#), [H 766](#), [H 767](#), [H 797](#), [H 672](#), [H 785](#), [H 760](#), [H 789](#), [HCR 27](#), [H 724](#), [H 707](#), [H 800](#), [H 761](#), and [H 793](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 545](#), [H 702](#), [H 638](#), [H 765](#), [H 766](#), [H 767](#), [H 797](#), [H 672](#), [H 785](#), [H 760](#), [H 789](#), [HCR 27](#), [H 724](#), [H 707](#), [H 800](#), [H 761](#), and [H 793](#) were filed for first reading.

March 9, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1332](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1332](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 9, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 531](#), [H 518](#), [H 512](#), [H 551](#), [H 594](#), and [H 587](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [H 531](#), [H 518](#), [H 512](#), [H 551](#), [H 594](#), and [H 587](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

March 9, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1248](#) and [S 1249](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1248](#) and [S 1249](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

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

Senator VanOrden was recorded present at this order of business.

S 1379
BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROJECT CHOICE PROGRAM FEE; AMENDING SECTION 49-454, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE PROJECT CHOICE PROGRAM FEE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1379](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 545](#) and [H 702](#), by Business Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 638](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 765](#), [H 766](#), and [H 767](#), by Ways and Means Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 797](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 672](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 785](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 760](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 789](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[HCR 27](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 724](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 707](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 800](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 761](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 793](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was 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 603](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1348](#), [S 1350](#), [S 1351](#), and [S 1359](#), by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1373](#), by Finance Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 560](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 697](#) and [H 698](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1364](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1370](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1375](#), by Finance Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 503](#) and [H 676](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 737](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1303](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1337](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 777](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1339](#), by State Affairs 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 Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1264](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for Friday, March 13, 2026.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1361](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1362](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1353](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

[S 1363](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Zuiderveld 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, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Rundhaug (Carlson), Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

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

Reports of Standing Committees

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 11:55 a.m. until the hour of 4:30 p.m. of this day.

**RECESS
AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Senate reconvened at 4:30 p.m., President Bedke assumed the Chair.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Adams, Ruchti, and Zito, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Sixth Order of Business, Reports of Standing Committees.

Senator Zito was recorded present at this order of business.

March 10, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1332](#) has been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1332](#) and ordered it transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 10, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1248](#) and [S 1249](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 2 p.m., March 10, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 10, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 645](#) and [H 738](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 645](#) and [H 738](#) were filed for second reading.

March 10, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [HJM 16](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[HJM 16](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

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

Messages from the House

March 10, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1314](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1314](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 10, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1244](#), [S 1265](#), and [S 1331](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1244](#), [S 1265](#), and [S 1331](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

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**

Senator Adams was recorded present at this order of business.

**S 1380
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1381
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1382
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR DEDICATED FUNDS; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1383
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES; APPROPRIATING

ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1384
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1385
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1380](#), [S 1381](#), [S 1382](#), [S 1383](#), [S 1384](#), and [S 1385](#) 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 Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1361](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1361](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Woodward 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), Burtenshaw, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Rundhaug (Carlson), Shippy, Toews, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 24.

NAYS—Bernt, Blaylock, Guthrie, Harris, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 11.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1361](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 511](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Woodward 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, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 26.

NAYS—Coho (Lenney), Foreman, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Rundhaug (Carlson), Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 9.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 511](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 639](#) 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, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Rundhaug (Carlson), Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 639](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 628](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Acting Senator Bjerke 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, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Rundhaug (Carlson), Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 29.

NAYS—Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 628](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 610](#) 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, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Ricks, Shippy, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 16.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Coho (Lenney), Foreman, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ruchti, Rundhaug (Carlson), Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 17.

Absent and excused—Semmelroth, Wintrow. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared that [H 610](#) had failed to pass the Senate and ordered the bill returned to the House.

[H 620](#) 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 (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Rundhaug (Carlson), Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward.
Total - 30.

NAYS—Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 3.

Absent and excused—Semmelroth, Wintrow. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 620](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned 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 Ruchti, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary