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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Harris, 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 17, 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.

Senator Harris was recorded present at this order of business.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

March 18, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1399](#) and [S 1400](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1399](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1400](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

March 18, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Senate amendments to [S 1297](#), [S 1352](#), [S 1353](#), [S 1354](#), [H 825](#), [H 788](#), and [H 542](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 18, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1297](#), as amended, [S 1352](#), as amended, [S 1353](#), as amended, and [S 1354](#), as amended, have been correctly engrossed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1297](#), as amended, [S 1352](#), as amended, [S 1353](#), as amended, and [S 1354](#), as amended, were filed for first reading.

March 18, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1296](#), [S 1251](#), [S 1309](#), [S 1292](#), [S 1325](#), and [SCR 119](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1296](#), [S 1251](#), [S 1309](#), [S 1292](#), [S 1325](#), and [SCR 119](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 17, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 815](#) and [H 849](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 815](#) and [H 849](#) were filed for second reading.

March 17, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 545](#) and [H 562](#), as amended, with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 545](#) and [H 562](#), as amended, were filed for second reading.

March 17, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Irving Littman to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to expire April 11, 2029;

Robert Donaldson to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to expire April 11, 2029.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointments were 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

March 17, 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 16, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bill, to wit:

[S 1331](#)

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

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

March 17, 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 17, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

[S 1226](#), [S 1232](#), as amended, [S 1239](#), [S 1261](#),
[S 1273](#), [S 1274](#), [S 1275](#), [S 1276](#), [S 1291](#),
[S 1332](#), and [S 1363](#)

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

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

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

March 17, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 893](#), [H 803](#), and [H 508](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 893](#), [H 803](#), and [H 508](#) were filed for first reading.

March 17, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1255](#), [S 1257](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1272](#),
[S 1269](#), and [SCR 120](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1255](#), [S 1257](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1272](#), [S 1269](#), and
[SCR 120](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 17, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 581](#), [H 599](#), [H 544](#), [H 642](#),
[H 560](#), [H 697](#), [H 698](#), [H 503](#), [H 676](#), [H 737](#), [H 540](#), [H 556](#),
[H 623](#), [H 751](#), and [H 686](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 581](#), [H 599](#), [H 544](#), [H 642](#),
[H 560](#), [H 697](#), [H 698](#), [H 503](#), [H 676](#), [H 737](#), [H 540](#), [H 556](#),
[H 623](#), [H 751](#), and [H 686](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that [SR 117](#), having been held, was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by President Pro Tempore Anthon, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, [SR 117](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 30](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [HCR 30](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

Moved by Senator VanOrden, seconded by Senator Ruchti, that [HCR 30](#) be adopted. The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 24.

NAYS—Kohl, Lenney, Rabe, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [HCR 30](#) adopted, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 114](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SCR 114](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

Moved by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, that [SCR 114](#) be adopted. The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared [SCR 114](#) adopted, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SJM 115](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SJM 115](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Lakey, [SJM 115](#) 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, [SR 120](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

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

On motion by Senator Zito, seconded by Senator Zuiderveld, [SR 120](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution 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.

**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills,
House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials**

S 1401

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM; REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE HIV PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM; REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE HEPATITIS PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM; REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE IDAHO IMMUNIZATION ASSESSMENT FUND; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1402

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1403

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE DEQ AIR PERMITTING FEES ACCOUNT TO THE IDAHO AIR QUALITY PERMITTING FUND; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE DEQ DRINKING WATER FEES ACCOUNT TO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SUPERVISION FUND; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE HAZARDOUS WASTE EMERGENCY FUND TO THE SOLID WASTE REGULATORY FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1404

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PEST CONTROL DEFICIENCY FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

S 1405

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

S 1406

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1407
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1408
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING GENERAL FUND MONEYS FOR TRANSFER TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL INCOME FUND; CLARIFYING THE ORIGINAL FUND SOURCE FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 FROM THE GENERAL FUND; CLARIFYING THE ORIGINAL FUND SOURCE FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 FROM THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND ENDOWMENT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1409
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

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

S 1410
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; AMENDING CHAPTER 22, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-2208, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS REGARDING CHANGE IN ENCOUNTER RATE DUE TO CHANGE IN SCOPE OF SERVICES; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.26 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT AND PROVIDING APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1401, S 1402, S 1403, S 1404, S 1405, S 1406, S 1407, S 1408, S 1409, and S 1410 were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

H 825, as amended in the Senate, by Ways and Means Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

H 788, as amended in the Senate, by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

H 542, as amended in the Senate, by State Affairs Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

S 1297, as amended, S 1352, as amended, S 1353, as amended, and S 1354, as amended, by State Affairs Committee, were read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

H 893, by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

H 803, by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

H 508, by Transportation and Defense Committee, was 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

H 712 and H 761, by Education Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 491 and H 492, by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 548, by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 570, as amended, H 654, and H 681, by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 575, as amended, and H 736, by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 793, by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 798 and H 799, by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 866, H 867, H 868, H 869, H 870, H 871, H 876, and H 877, by Appropriations Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

S 1387 and S 1388, by Finance Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 665 and H 667, by Transportation and Defense Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 707, by Business Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 722, by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

H 792 and H 800, by Ways and Means 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 Keyser, granted by unanimous consent, [H 561](#), as amended, was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General 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.

[S 1380](#), having been held, 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, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 30.

NAYS—Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 5.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1380](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1381](#), 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, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 22.

NAYS—Blaylock, Foreman, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 13.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1381](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1382](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

[S 1383](#), having been held, 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, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 32.

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

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1383](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1384](#), 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, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 31.

NAYS—Keyser, Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1384](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1385](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 23.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Galloway, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 12.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1385](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1386](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 29.

NAYS—Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1386](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 723](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Rabe 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, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 32.

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

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 723](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

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

Reading of Communications

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced 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 11:59 a.m. until the hour of 3:30 p.m. of this day.

RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 3:30 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Blaylock, Harris, Keyser, Lenney, Shippy, VanOrden, Wintrow, Zito, and Zuiderveld, and Acting Senator Bjerke, absent and excused.

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

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

March 18, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1255](#), [S 1257](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1272](#), [S 1269](#), and [SCR 120](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1255](#), [S 1257](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1272](#), [S 1269](#), and [SCR 120](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 18, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1389](#) and [S 1391](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1389](#) and [S 1391](#) were filed for second reading.

March 18, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 549](#) and [H 860](#) with the recommendation that they be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 549](#) and [H 860](#) were referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

March 18, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 785](#) and [H 846](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 785](#) and [H 846](#) 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

March 18, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 603](#), [H 688](#), [H 645](#), [H 738](#), [H 521](#), [H 615](#), [H 695](#), [H 568](#), [H 774](#), [H 762](#), [H 661](#), [H 733](#), [H 749](#), [H 662](#), [H 664](#), and [H 716](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 603](#), [H 688](#), [H 645](#), [H 738](#), [H 521](#), [H 615](#), [H 695](#), [H 568](#), [H 774](#), [H 762](#), [H 661](#), [H 733](#), [H 749](#), [H 662](#), [H 664](#), and [H 716](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

March 18, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1373](#), [S 1242](#), [S 1243](#), [S 1283](#), and [S 1227](#), as amended in the House, which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1373](#), [S 1242](#), [S 1243](#), [S 1283](#), and [S 1227](#), as amended in the House, 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

S 1411 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1807, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SIGNATURE GATHERERS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 66, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-6628B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS ENGAGED IN PAID IN-PERSON CANVASSING ACTIVITIES; AMENDING SECTION 67-6625, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1412**BY STATE AFFAIRS 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 1413**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ENDOWMENT LAND LEASES; AMENDING SECTION 58-307, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE TERM OF COMMERCIAL LEASES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1411](#), [S 1412](#), and [S 1413](#) 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 1382](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[S 1382](#), having been held, 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, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 23.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Foreman, Keyser, Kohl, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 12.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1382](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 848](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 848](#), having been held, 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—Anthon, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 24.

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

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 848](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 847](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 847](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Carlson 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, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, 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 847](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

President Pro Tempore Anthon assumed the Chair.

Motion to Suspend Rules

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate passage of [H 866](#) be suspended; that the portions of Section 15, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho requiring all bills to be read on three several days be dispensed with, this being a case of urgency, and that [H 866](#) be read the third time at length, section by section, and be put upon its final passage. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President Pro Tempore declared the rules suspended.

[H 866](#) 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—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—Adams, Lenney, Shippy. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 866](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

President Bedke returned to the Chair.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Harris, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [H 867](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [H 867](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[H 867](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Galloway 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, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward. Total - 25.

NAYS—Kohl, Lenney, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 867](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1387](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1387](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1387](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway,

Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 31.

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

Absent and excused—Anthon. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1387](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [S 1388](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1388](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1388](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Carlson 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, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 26.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 9.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1388](#) 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 5:18 p.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary