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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 Guthrie, absent and excused.

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 18, 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 122

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 POLICE, THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES, THE SEXUAL OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD, AND THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY AND RULES 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 Judiciary and Rules Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Police, the Division of Veterans Services, the Sexual Offender Management Board, and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

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 Police, the Division of Veterans Services, the Sexual Offender Management Board, and the Office of Administrative Hearings 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 Judiciary and Rules Committee with the exception of the following temporary rule that was not heard by the committee and thus not approved: IDAPA 57.01.01, Sexual Offender Management Board, Rules of the Sexual Offender Management Board, Docket No. 57-0101-2502.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee held that the following pending rule docket become effective upon sine die of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature: IDAPA 57.01.01, Sexual Offender Management Board, Rules of the Sexual Offender Management Board, Docket No. 57-0101-2501.

SR 123

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho Department of Insurance, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, and the Department of Commerce.

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 Department of Insurance, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, and the Department of Commerce 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee with the exception of the following temporary rule that was not heard by the committee and thus not approved: IDAPA 24.39.50, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, Rules of the Public Works Contractors License Board, Docket No. 24-3950-2501.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee held that the following pending rule dockets become effective upon sine die of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature:

(1) IDAPA 18.04.15, Idaho Department of Insurance, Rules Governing Short-Term Health Insurance Coverage, Docket No. 18-0415-2501; and

(2) IDAPA 24.39.50, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, Rules of the Public Works Contractors License Board, Docket No. 24-3950-2501.

[SR 122](#) and [SR 123](#) 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 1401](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), [S 1409](#), [S 1410](#), [S 1411](#), [S 1412](#), and [S 1413](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1401](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), and [S 1409](#) were referred to the Finance Committee.

[S 1410](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1411](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1412](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1413](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1373](#), [S 1242](#), [S 1243](#), [S 1283](#), and [S 1227](#), as amended in the House, were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 4:06 p.m., March 18, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [H 602](#), [H 683](#), [H 689](#), [H 690](#), and [H 696](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[H 602](#), [H 683](#), [H 689](#), [H 690](#), and [H 696](#) were filed for second reading.

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The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 730](#) and [H 863](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[H 730](#) and [H 863](#) were filed for second reading.

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The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 760](#), [H 765](#), [H 766](#), and [H 797](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 760](#), [H 765](#), [H 766](#), and [H 797](#) were filed for second reading.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports it has had under consideration the gubernatorial appointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Paula Garay to the Sexual Offender Management Board, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Terry Kirkham to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

LAKEY, Chairman

The gubernatorial appointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

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The AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 630](#), [H 631](#), and [H 826](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

NICHOLS, Chairman

[H 630](#), [H 631](#), and [H 826](#) 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 [H 660](#), [H 905](#), [H 906](#), [H 907](#), [H 908](#), [H 883](#), [H 915](#), [H 916](#), [H 776](#), [H 855](#), and [H 887](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 660](#), [H 905](#), [H 906](#), [H 907](#), [H 908](#), [H 883](#), [H 915](#), [H 916](#), [H 776](#), [H 855](#), and [H 887](#) were filed for first reading.

March 18, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1241](#), as amended, and [SJM 110](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1241](#), as amended, and [SJM 110](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 18, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 777](#), [H 566](#), [H 734](#), [H 593](#), [H 714](#), and [H 724](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 777](#), [H 566](#), [H 734](#), [H 593](#), [H 714](#), and [H 724](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

March 18, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1296](#), [S 1251](#), [S 1309](#), [S 1292](#), and [S 1325](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1296](#), [S 1251](#), [S 1309](#), [S 1292](#), and [S 1325](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

March 18, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SCR 119](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SCR 119](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1414

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO RAPE; AMENDING SECTION 18-6104, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE PUNISHMENT FOR RAPE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1415

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND HVAC INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 26, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-2616, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1001B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS ON AND AFTER A CERTAIN DATE; REPEALING SECTION 54-1001C, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES WHEN AUTHORIZED; REPEALING SECTION 54-1001D, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS OF MODULAR BUILDINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-1001E, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1003A, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; REPEALING SECTION 54-1004, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, NOTICE OF CORRECTIONS, AND DISCONNECTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE; REPEALING SECTION 54-1005, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO RULES, INSPECTIONS, AND ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-1005, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RULES AND ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FEES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1006, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 54-1007, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1008, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1009, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF CERTIFICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1017, IDAHO

CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; REPEALING SECTION 54-1019, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-1019, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS; REPEALING SECTION 54-2601, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE OF THE IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 26, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-2601, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE OF THE IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE; AMENDING SECTION 54-2606, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET DATE; AMENDING SECTION 54-2607, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-2608, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; REPEALING SECTION 54-2620, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED AND EXCEPTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 54-2622, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS, APPLICATIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING SECTION 54-2623, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO FEES, PERMITS, AND INSPECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2624, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INSPECTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 54-2626, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO NOTIFICATIONS AND FEES FOR REINSPECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-2627, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS; REPEALING SECTION 54-5005, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING BOARD; AMENDING CHAPTER 50, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5005, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING BOARD; REPEALING SECTION 54-5006, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING CHAPTER 50, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5006, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; REPEALING SECTION 54-5016, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS, EXCEPTIONS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 50, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5016, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEES; REPEALING SECTION 54-5017, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS, APPLICATIONS, AND FEES; AMENDING SECTION 54-5018, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE-CERTIFIED PRIVATE INSPECTORS; REPEALING SECTION 54-5020, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR INSPECTION AND FEES FOR REINSPECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 50, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5020, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 54-5021, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF INSPECTORS;

PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[S 1414](#) and [S 1415](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 660](#), by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 905](#), [H 906](#), [H 907](#), and [H 908](#), by Appropriations Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Finance Committee.

[H 883](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 915](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 916](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 776](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 855](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 887](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 815](#) and [H 849](#), by Education Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 545](#) and [H 562](#), as amended, by Business Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 825](#), as amended in the Senate, by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 788](#), as amended in the Senate, by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 542](#), as amended in the Senate, by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1297](#), as amended, [S 1352](#), as amended, [S 1353](#), as amended, [S 1354](#), as amended, [S 1389](#), and [S 1391](#), by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 785](#) and [H 846](#), by Education 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 1362](#), having been held, and [S 1294](#), as amended,

retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1299](#), as amended, 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, 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.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1299](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1335](#), as amended, 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, 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. Total - 33.

NAYS—Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1335](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1330](#), as amended, 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, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1330](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1359](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ruchti 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, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lenney, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 19.

NAYS—Anthon, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Grow, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 16.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1359](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1348](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Okuniewicz 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, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1348](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1356](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day

[S 1376](#) 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, 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.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1376](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1378](#) 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 20.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Carlson, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 15.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1378](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 868](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 868](#) 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, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 25.

NAYS—Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 9.

Absent and excused—VanOrden. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 868](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 869](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 869](#) 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, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 27.

NAYS—Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 8.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 869](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 870](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 870](#) 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—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 20.

NAYS—Adams, Blaylock, Carlson, Galloway, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 15.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 870](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 871](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 871](#) 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, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 19.

NAYS—Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 16.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 871](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 876](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 876](#) 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?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), President Pro Tempore Anthon and Senator Semmelroth disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 23.

NAYS—Bernt, Burtenshaw, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 12.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 876](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

The President announced that pursuant to *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Section 675, Subpart 3, [H 545](#) was not properly reported and was referred back to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

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

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 12:11 p.m. until the hour of 3 p.m. of this day.

RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Adams and Kohl, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Ruchti, Semmelroth, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward, and Zito, absent and excused.

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

March 19, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1241](#), as amended, and [SJM 110](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1241](#), as amended, and [SJM 110](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 19, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [SCR 119](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 11:04 a.m., March 19, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 19, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1296](#), [S 1251](#), [S 1309](#), [S 1292](#), and [S 1325](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 11:15 a.m., March 19, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 19, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 585](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 585](#) was filed for second reading.

March 19, 2026

The FINANCE Committee reports out [H 905](#), [H 906](#), [H 907](#), [H 908](#), [S 1401](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), and [S 1409](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[H 905](#), [H 906](#), [H 907](#), [H 908](#), [S 1401](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), and [S 1409](#) were filed for second reading.

March 19, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 648](#), [H 773](#), [H 787](#), and [H 790](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 648](#), [H 773](#), [H 787](#), and [H 790](#) were filed for second reading.

March 19, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 758](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[H 758](#) was 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 19, 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 19, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

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

Senator VanOrden was recorded present at this order of business.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

March 19, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1301](#), [S 1256](#), [S 1345](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), [S 1307](#), [S 1337](#), and [S 1286](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1301](#), [S 1256](#), [S 1345](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), [S 1307](#), [S 1337](#), and [S 1286](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

Senator Ruchti was recorded present at this order of business.

March 19, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 30](#) and [H 723](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [HCR 30](#) and [H 723](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

Senator Lenney was recorded present at this order of business.

March 19, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1255](#), [S 1257](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1272](#), and [S 1269](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1255](#), [S 1257](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1272](#), and [S 1269](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

March 19, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SCR 120](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SCR 120](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of State.

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 1416

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF SPECIES, MINERALS, AND ENERGY COORDINATION; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF SPECIES, MINERALS, AND ENERGY COORDINATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SPECIES, MINERALS, AND ENERGY COORDINATION; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES; REDUCING AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1417

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION;

APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[S 1416](#) and [S 1417](#) 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 returned to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of James Keating was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of James Keating was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Taylor, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial reappointment of James Keating as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Michael Lyden was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Michael Lyden was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Acting Senator Bjerke, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Michael Lyden as a member of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Cally Younger was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Cally Younger was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Cally Younger as the

Administrator of the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Jeff Cilek was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Jeff Cilek was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Wintrow, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Jeff Cilek as a member of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Nicholas Guho was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Nicholas Guho was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Nicholas Guho as a member of the State Building Authority was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Shelly Enderud was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Shelly Enderud was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Shelly Enderud as a member of the State Building Authority was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

AYE - Anthon
AYE - Kohl

NAY - Adams
NAY - Foreman

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1352](#), as amended, 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 4:56 p.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary