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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Guthrie, Hart, Okuniewicz, and Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Haeden Carter, 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 19, 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 20, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 122](#), [SR 123](#), [S 1414](#), [S 1415](#), [S 1416](#), and [S 1417](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 122](#) and [SR 123](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1414](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1415](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1416](#) and [S 1417](#) were referred to the Finance Committee.

March 20, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1301](#), [S 1256](#), [S 1345](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), [S 1307](#), [S 1337](#), and [S 1286](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1301](#), [S 1256](#), [S 1345](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), [S 1307](#), [S 1337](#), and [S 1286](#) 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 120](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 4:32 p.m., March 19, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 19, 2026

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 843](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 843](#) was filed for second reading.

March 19, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 711](#), [H 832](#), and [S 1412](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 711](#), [H 832](#), and [S 1412](#) were filed for second reading.

Senator Okuniewicz was recorded present at this order of business.

March 19, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 516](#) and [S 1336](#) with the recommendation that they be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LENT, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 516](#) and [S 1336](#) were 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 19, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HJM 20](#), [HJM 19](#), [HCR 34](#), [H 919](#), [H 920](#), [H 921](#), [H 922](#), [H 923](#), [H 924](#), [H 925](#), [H 889](#), and [H 931](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HJM 20](#), [HJM 19](#), [HCR 34](#), [H 919](#), [H 920](#), [H 921](#), [H 922](#), [H 923](#), [H 924](#), [H 925](#), [H 889](#), and [H 931](#) were filed for first reading.

Senator Ruchti was recorded present at this order of business.

March 19, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 848](#), [H 847](#), [H 866](#), and [H 867](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 848](#), [H 847](#), [H 866](#), and [H 867](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

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

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

[HJM 20](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[HJM 19](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[HCR 34](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 919](#), [H 920](#), [H 921](#), [H 922](#), [H 923](#), [H 924](#), and [H 925](#), by Appropriations Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Finance Committee.

[H 889](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 931](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

Senator Hart was recorded present at this order of business.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 602](#), [H 683](#), [H 689](#), [H 690](#), and [H 696](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 730](#) and [H 863](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 760](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 765](#) and [H 766](#), by Ways and Means Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 797](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 630](#) and [H 631](#), by Agricultural Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 826](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 585](#), by Business Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 905](#), [H 906](#), [H 907](#), and [H 908](#), by Appropriations Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1401](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), and [S 1409](#), by Finance Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 648](#), by Business Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 773](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 787](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 790](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 758](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

Senator Guthrie was recorded present at this order of business.

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

General Calendar

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

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

Report of the Committee of the Whole

Senator Harris, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported out [H 629](#), [H 678](#), [H 522](#), [H 810](#), [H 684](#), [H 561](#), as amended, and [H 860](#), without recommendation, amended as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 629

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2

On page 6 of the printed bill, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert: "any peace officer. A person who is issued a registration card, electronically shall print the registration card and such printed copy may be used to satisfy the provisions of this section. For drivers of commercial vehicles registered pursuant to section 49-434 or 49-435, Idaho Code, an".

CORRECTION TO TITLE

On page 1, in line 4, delete "TO ALLOW AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT OF"; and in line 5, delete "REGISTRATION" and insert: "TO ALLOW A PRINTED REGISTRATION CARD".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 678

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 19 and 20.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 522

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, following line 12, insert: "(a) "Correctional facility" means a facility incarcerating state inmates under the control of the Idaho department of correction.";

in line 13, delete "(a)" and insert: "(b)"; in line 17, delete "(b)" and insert: "(c)"; in line 22, delete "(c)" and insert: "(d)"; and delete lines 28 through 33, and insert: "stricted airspace within this state as long as it does not conflict with federal law".

On page 2, delete lines 5 and 6, and insert: "shall be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), imprisoned in the county jail for no more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."; and in line 8, delete "shall" and insert: "may".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 810
AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, in line 26, delete "or a religious mission".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 684
AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, in line 22, delete "appropriate" and insert: "budget".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 561, As Amended
AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the engrossed bill, in line 30, following "occasions" insert: "or in recognition of historic international and cross-border relations".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H 860
AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3

On page 4 of the printed bill, delete lines 16 through 20, and insert:

"(c) A minor child is seeking health care or medical treatment that is directly related to an allegation of a crime of physical violence against the minor child or to collect evidence related to such crime when the collection of such evidence is time-sensitive;";

following line 34, insert:

"(5) Nothing in this section or any other provision of Idaho Code shall prevent a health care provider from screening and treating a newborn infant for illegal drugs or substances if a reasonable suspicion suggests their presence, provided that the results of the test or the fact of treatment may not be used against the parent in any criminal proceeding."; in line 35, delete "(5)" and insert: "~~(5)~~ (6)"; in line 40, delete "(6)" and insert: "~~(6)~~ (7)"; and also in line 40, delete "(5)" and insert "~~(5)~~ (6)".

On page 5, in line 1, delete "(7)" and insert: "~~(7)~~ (8)"; in line 4, delete "(8)" and insert: "~~(8)~~ (9)"; in line 7, delete "(9)" and insert: "~~(9)~~ (10)"; in line 11, delete "(10)" and insert: "~~(10)~~ (11)"; in line 15, delete "(11)" and insert: "~~(11)~~ (12)"; and in line 17, delete "(12)" and insert: "~~(12)~~ (13)".

The Committee also has [H 613](#), [H 526](#), [S 1346](#), [S 1355](#), [H 670](#), and [H 549](#) under consideration, reports progress, and begs leave to sit again.

HARRIS, Chairman

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

[H 629](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 678](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 522](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 810](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 684](#), as amended in the Senate, [H 561](#), as amended, as amended in the Senate, and [H 860](#), as amended in the Senate, were filed for first reading as amended, and the amendments thereto were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate returned 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 Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

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 1294](#), as amended, having been held, 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 22.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Foreman, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 13.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1294](#), 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](#), having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1353](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Toews arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Den Hartog, Galloway, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 23.

NAYS—Adams, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Keyser, Lenney, Lent, Ricks, VanOrden. Total - 12.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1353](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1354](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Toews arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senators Galloway, Nichols, and Rabe disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Den Hartog, Galloway, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 25.

NAYS—Anthon, Bernt, Burtenshaw, Cook, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Keyser, Lenney, Ricks. Total - 10.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1354](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1389](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. President Pro Tempore Anthon 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 1389](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1391](#) 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, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, 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 - 34.

NAYS—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1391](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 727](#), 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 co-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 [H 727](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 542](#), as amended in the Senate, was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

[H 542](#), as amended in the Senate, 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), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Wintrow. Total - 21.

NAYS—Blaylock, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Ruchti, Ward-Engelking, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 542](#), as amended in the Senate, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House for possible concurrence.

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 Appropriations bills, followed by remaining 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 12:40 p.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary