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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator VanOrden, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Antoine Taylor, 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 24, 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

Senator VanOrden was recorded present at this order of business.

March 25, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 124](#), [S 1428](#), [S 1429](#), [S 1430](#), and [S 1431](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 124](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1428](#) and [S 1429](#) were referred to the Finance Committee.

[S 1430](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1431](#) was referred to the Finance Committee.

March 25, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1266](#), [S 1316](#), [S 1288](#), and [S 1339](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1266](#), [S 1316](#), [S 1288](#), and [S 1339](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 24, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1321](#), [S 1224](#), as amended, [S 1347](#), [S 1380](#), [S 1381](#), [S 1383](#), [S 1384](#), [S 1385](#), and [S 1386](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 4:05 p.m., March 24, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 24, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 928](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

VANORDEN, Chair

There being no objection, [H 928](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Messages from the House

March 24, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HJM 21](#), [H 939](#), [H 936](#), [H 888](#), [H 894](#), [H 927](#), and [H 706](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HJM 21](#), [H 939](#), [H 936](#), [H 888](#), [H 894](#), [H 927](#), and [H 706](#) were filed for first reading.

March 24, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1300](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), and [S 1409](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1300](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), and [S 1409](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 24, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HJM 14](#), [HJM 16](#), [HJM 13](#), [H 658](#), [H 573](#), [H 637](#), [H 507](#), [H 712](#), [H 761](#), [H 491](#), [H 492](#), [H 548](#), and [H 863](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [HJM 14](#), [HJM 16](#), [HJM 13](#), [H 658](#), [H 573](#), [H 637](#), [H 507](#), [H 712](#), [H 761](#), [H 491](#), [H 492](#), [H 548](#), and [H 863](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

March 24, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1326](#), as amended, which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1326](#), as amended, was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

Having voted on the prevailing side and proper notice having been served, Senator Harris moved, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that the vote by which [H 760](#) failed the Senate be now reconsidered. The question being, "Shall the motion prevail?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(C), a roll call vote was requested by Senator Harris, and was supported by Senators Den Hartog, Toews, and Guthrie.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 24.

NAYS—Anthon, Blaylock, Carlson, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Shippy, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 11.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared the motion passed and [H 760](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Bernt, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 15.

NAYS—Adams, Anthon, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Foreman, Galloway, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 20.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared that [H 760](#) had failed to pass the Senate and ordered the bill 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

S 1432

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 DIVISIONS OF INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES AND

INDEPENDENT COUNCILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1433

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 DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

S 1434

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 DIVISION OF WELFARE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF WELFARE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1435

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISIONS OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY, EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, WELFARE, MEDICAID, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION, AND INDEPENDENT COUNCILS, AND TO THE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE FUND; DIRECTING EXPENDITURES FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM INTEGRITY; CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

OF CERTAIN CHILDREN IN STATE CARE; DIRECTING THE USE OF CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION AND TREATMENT ACT FUNDS; REQUIRING A MONTHLY MEDICAID TRACKING REPORT; ALLOWING FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MEDICAID PROGRAMS; REQUIRING A REPORT ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IMPLEMENTATION; REQUIRING COST-SHARING FOR SERVICES; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE (GENERAL) FUND TO THE RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUDGET INTEGRITY FOR MEDICAID; ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR SMOKING CESSATION; DIRECTING EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECT FILTER; REQUIRING REPORTS ON FACILITY LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS; LIMITING THE TRANSFER OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION; REQUIRING REPORTS REGARDING FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTERS; DIRECTING THE USE OF THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT; DIRECTING USES OF THE IDAHO MILLENNIUM INCOME FUND; PROVIDING FOR IDAHO DRUG FREE YOUTH OVERSIGHT; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM; DIRECTING ACQUISITIONS; REQUIRING A REPORT ON RULES; AMENDING SECTION 56-2204, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

S 1436
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PROCUREMENT; AMENDING SECTION 67-9224, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COOPERATIVE AND GROUP DISCOUNT PURCHASING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1432](#), [S 1433](#), [S 1434](#), [S 1435](#), and [S 1436](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HJM 21](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 939](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 936](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 888](#) and [H 894](#), by State Affairs Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 927](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Transportation Committee.

[H 706](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 752](#) and [H 803](#), by Ways and Means Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 776](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1410](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 883](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 772](#) and [H 879](#), by Ways and Means Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1426](#) and [S 1427](#), by Finance Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 721](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 750](#), as amended, [H 929](#), and [H 931](#), 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 Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1362](#), [S 1356](#), [S 1401](#), and [S 1408](#), all having been held, retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1397](#) 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lenney, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 21.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1397](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1398](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Guthrie arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senator Blaylock disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

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, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—Anthon, Kohl, Shippy. Total - 3.

Absent and excused—VanOrden. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 648](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 773](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey 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, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Adams. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 773](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 787](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey 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, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Hart. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 787](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 790](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Den Hartog arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senator Hart disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 28.

NAYS—Foreman, Hart, Kohl, Ruchti, Taylor, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 7.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 790](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 758](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

March 25, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 935](#) with the recommendation that it be re-referred.

FOREMAN, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 935](#) was re-referred to the Health and Welfare 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 motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 12:03 p.m. until the hour of 4 p.m. of this day.

RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 4 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Blaylock, Harris, Keyser, Lenney, Nichols, Shippy, VanOrden, Wintrow, 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.

SCR 127 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND URGING
THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO TO REJECT ANY EFFORT TO
BRING THE IDAHO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT TO THE
BALLOT.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to increased cartel activity, development of black market marijuana production, human trafficking, and increased crime rates, including violent crime and impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to increased rates of serious health issues, including psychosis, anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, marijuana-linked vomiting or cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome, cardiac issues, strokes, addiction, diabetes, and harm to children in the womb; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to illegal grow sites on federal and state lands that have led to deforestation, diversion of water, poisoning of streams, death of wildlife, threats of violence from those protecting illegal marijuana grows, and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to safety concerns on job sites and has negatively impacted the supply of drug-free labor; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act may be on the ballot in Idaho as an initiated state statute on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act could ultimately allow 12 marijuana production facilities and 36 dispensaries to operate in the State of Idaho and would allow online ordering and home delivery of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act would require multiple state agencies and their employees, including the Department of Health and Welfare and the State Board of Pharmacy, to create and administer a statewide program that involves marijuana manufacturing, processing, transportation, and retail sales, including online sales; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act would increase the administrative budget of the Department of Health and Welfare by an estimated \$1.1 million annually and require \$2.9 million of startup costs at a time when the state is facing substantial budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act does not require a medical referral or a prescription to obtain marijuana; and

WHEREAS, under the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act, the 18 medical conditions that qualify one to obtain a medical cannabis card, including insomnia, anxiety, and acute pain, are so broad that almost anyone could qualify; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act lacks safeguards to such an extent that it would effectively legalize widespread recreational use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana would have devastating impacts on Idaho children and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature urges the citizens of Idaho to reject any effort to bring the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act to the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Attorney General, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

SR 125

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 FISH AND GAME, THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, THE IDAHO DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,

AND THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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 Resources and Environment Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Idaho Department of Lands, the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

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 Fish and Game, the Idaho Department of Lands, the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 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 Resources and Environment Committee with the exception of the following, which were not approved:

(1) IDAPA 26.01.20, Department of Parks and Recreation, Rules Governing the Administration of Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities, Docket No. 26-0120-2501, Sections 075. and 250., only; and

(2) IDAPA 58.01.11, Department of Environmental Quality, Ground Water Quality Rule, Docket No. 58-0111-2501, Section 003. and Section 200., Subsection 01.a., only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Resources and Environment 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 58.01.08, Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems, Docket No. 58-0108-2502.

[SCR 127](#) and [SR 125](#) 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

March 25, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1300](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), and [S 1409](#) have been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1300](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1403](#), [S 1404](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), and [S 1409](#) and ordered them transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

March 25, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1326](#), as amended, was delivered to the Office of the Governor at 10:42 a.m., March 25, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 25, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 873](#), [H 889](#), [H 890](#), [H 898](#), [H 900](#), [H 911](#), [S 1422](#), and [S 1423](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 873](#), [H 889](#), [H 890](#), [H 898](#), [H 900](#), [H 911](#), [S 1422](#), and [S 1423](#) were filed for second reading.

March 25, 2026

The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1428](#), [S 1429](#), and [S 1431](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1428](#), [S 1429](#), and [S 1431](#) were filed for second reading.

March 25, 2026

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

Bud Tracy to the State Building Authority, term to expire January 1, 2031.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

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

March 25, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [H 856](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[H 856](#) was filed for second reading.

March 25, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [HJM 20](#) and [S 1420](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[HJM 20](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1420](#) was filed for second reading.

March 25, 2026

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 926](#) and [H 934](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 926](#) and [H 934](#) were filed for second reading.

March 25, 2026

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 897](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

RICKS, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 897](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Messages from the Governor

March 25, 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 25, 2026 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

[S 1256](#), [S 1224](#), as amended, [S 1380](#), [S 1384](#),
and [S 1386](#)

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 25, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1330](#), as amended, and [SCR 123](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1330](#), as amended, and [SCR 123](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

March 25, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 789](#), [H 570](#), as amended, [H 654](#), [H 681](#), [H 575](#), as amended, [H 736](#), [H 793](#), [H 798](#), [H 799](#), [H 665](#), [H 667](#), [H 707](#), [H 722](#), [H 792](#), [H 800](#), [H 815](#), [H 849](#), [H 562](#), as amended, [H 785](#), [H 846](#), [H 602](#), [H 689](#), [H 690](#), and [H 696](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 789](#), [H 570](#), as amended, [H 654](#), [H 681](#), [H 575](#), as amended, [H 736](#), [H 793](#), [H 798](#), [H 799](#), [H 665](#), [H 667](#), [H 707](#), [H 722](#), [H 792](#), [H 800](#), [H 815](#), [H 849](#), [H 562](#), as amended, [H 785](#), [H 846](#), [H 602](#), [H 689](#), [H 690](#), and [H 696](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

March 25, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1258](#), [S 1387](#), [S 1388](#), [S 1262](#), [S 1285](#), as amended, [S 1250](#), [S 1260](#), [S 1311](#), [S 1369](#), and [S 1303](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1258](#), [S 1387](#), [S 1388](#), [S 1262](#), [S 1285](#), as amended, [S 1250](#), [S 1260](#), [S 1311](#), [S 1369](#), and [S 1303](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

March 25, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SJM 111](#) and [SCR 124](#), which have been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SJM 111](#) and [SCR 124](#) were 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 1437

**BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

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

S 1438

**BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF THE IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF THE IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; REDUCING THE TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL INCOME FUND; CLARIFYING THE ORIGINAL FUND SOURCE FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM'S DIVISION OF THE IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; RESTRICTING WITHDRAWALS FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND AND PROVIDING FOR REDUCED OFFERINGS AS NECESSARY; REQUIRING A REPORT ON DEI COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON THE IDAHO DIGITAL LEARNING ACADEMY FUNDING PROCESS AND REQUIRING A REPORT; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1439

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-917, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE MODEL SCHOOL FACILITY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1437](#), [S 1438](#), and [S 1439](#) 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

The President announced that [HCR 31](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lent, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [HCR 31](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 29](#) and [SCR 125](#) retained their place on the calendar.

The President announced that [SR 121](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Okuniewicz, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, [SR 121](#) 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 27](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [HCR 27](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Ruchti, [HCR 27](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 33](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [HCR 33](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lakey, seconded by Senator Ruchti, [HCR 33](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 126](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SCR 126](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lent, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [SCR 126](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SR 122](#) and [SR 123](#) retained their place on the calendar.

The President announced that [HCR 32](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Kohl, seconded by Senator Taylor, [HCR 32](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 34](#) retained its place on the calendar.

The President announced that [HJM 19](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Lent, that [HJM 19](#) be adopted. The question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(C), a roll call vote was requested by Senator Ruchti, and was supported by Senators Semmelroth and Ward-Engelking.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Toews, Woodward, Zito. Total - 20.

NAYS—Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking. Total - 5.

Absent and excused—Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Harris, Keyser, Lenney, Nichols, Shippy, VanOrden, Wintrow, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [HJM 19](#) adopted, title was approved, and the memorial ordered returned to the House.

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

On motion by Senator Okuniewicz, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial reappointment of David Bobbitt as a member of the Idaho Fish and Game 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 reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the Transportation Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Gaston Patterson was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Okuniewicz, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Gaston

Patterson as a member of the Aeronautics Advisory 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 appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

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

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Den Hartog, the Gubernatorial appointment of Todd Christensen 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.

The President announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Paula Garay was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Paula Garay as a member of the Sexual Offender Management 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 committee reports relative to the Gubernatorial appointments of Terry Kirkham and Brian Marx retained their place on the calendar.

The President announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Judge Rudolph "Rick" Carnaroli was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Lakey, the Gubernatorial appointment of Judge Rudolph "Rick" Carnaroli as a member of the Idaho Judicial Council 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.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senator Okuniewicz disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Lakey, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Nikeela Black-Abrams as a member of the Idaho State Racing 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 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 Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [H 822](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, all Senate bills were placed at the head of the Third Reading Calendar, followed by House bills.

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

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Ruchti, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary