

MINUTES  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 06, 2026

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Guthrie, Senators Anthon, Harris, Toews, Den Hartog, Adams, Shippy, and Ruchti

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Bernt

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** Chairman Guthrie called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Adams** moved to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2026. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Ryan Lanham as State Athletic Commissioner** (Commissioner) to serve a term commencing March 12, 2025 and expiring October 1, 2026. **Mr. Lanham** shared that he had more than 20 years of experience participating in and coaching contact sports and currently owned a boxing gym in Meridian, Idaho. **Mr. Lanham** said that he loved the joy contact sports could bring to people of all ages.

**DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Guthrie** asked Mr. Lanham if he had been a participant in a boxing event before. **Mr. Lanham** shared that he had participated in two amateur boxing fights in the past. **Senator Harris** asked Mr. Lanham if he won those fights and **Mr. Lanham** explained that he won one and lost the other, and that both were amazing experiences. **Chairman Guthrie** asked Mr. Lanham why he wanted to be the State Athletic Commissioner. **Mr. Lanham** said that his boxing gym allowed him to meet many people over the years, one of those being the former Commissioner, who believed he would be a good fit. **Senator Shippy** asked Mr. Lanham to provide an overview of the work of the State Athletic Commission and what value he believed it brought to Idaho. **Mr. Lanham** believed that its main role was to focus on the safety of combat sport athletes at all levels of the sport. He said that without it, there would not be focus on athlete health and safety, fair match making, or safe weight cutting, as this responsibility would then fall on event promoters who have monetary assets at stake. **Mr. Lanham** said he believed this would pose a significant risk for fighters. **Senator Adams** asked about the increasing popularity of combat sports and what Mr. Lanham believed the future of combat sports was in Idaho. **Mr. Lanham** explained that his goal would be to bring in additional events from a broad spectrum of promoters, including an increase in professional-level combat sports that can be safely regulated.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel to Acting Vice Chairman Toews.

**RS 33216** **Alcohol, Permits, Licenses, Fees.** **Chairman Guthrie** explained that this was similar to an RS he introduced already regarding fees for alcohol licenses and permits, but after he received feedback, it was determined that the price increase should be phased-in over a three year period.

**MOTION:** **Senator Harris** moved to send **RS 33216** to print. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Acting Vice Chairman Toews passed the gavel back to Chairman Guthrie.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Guthrie** adjourned the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

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Senator Guthrie  
Chair

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Abby Rowe  
Secretary