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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 Toews, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Senator Keyser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maddox Munn, 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 13, 2025, 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.

The Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

March 14, 2025

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Lisa Bearg of Boise, Idaho, 83703, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 16, Ada County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Monday, March 17, 2025, and will continue until Friday, March 21, 2025.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Ali Rabe

Upon Ms. Bearg's arrival on Monday she will receive the Oath of Office. The correspondence was 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 14, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1131](#), [S 1035](#), and [S 1069](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 3:55 p.m., March 13, 2025.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 13, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 286](#), [H 289](#), [H 312](#), and [H 336](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[H 286](#), [H 289](#), [H 312](#), and [H 336](#) were filed for second reading.

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The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 275](#) and [H 338](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 275](#) and [H 338](#) were filed for second reading.

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The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 215](#) and [H 222](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 215](#) and [H 222](#) were filed for second reading.

March 14, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 102](#), [H 180](#), and [H 253](#) with the recommendation that they be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 102](#), [H 180](#), and [H 253](#) 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

March 14, 2025

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 13, 2025 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

[S 1032](#), [S 1043](#), [S 1092](#), as amended, [S 1103](#),
and [S 1121](#)

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 14, 2025

We, the majority leadership of the Senate, petition that the President waive the provisions of Joint Rule 20 pertaining to limitation on introduction of proposed constitutional amendments, which would permit the introduction and consideration of HJR 6 to present an amendment to the Idaho Constitution by the addition of a new Section 8, Article X, relating to English as the official language of the State of Idaho.

Signed:

/s/ Kelly Arthur Anthon, President Pro Tempore

/s/ Lori Den Hartog, Senate Majority Leader

/s/ Mark Harris, Assistant Majority Leader

/s/ Ben Toews, Majority Caucus Chair

Upon presentation of the petition, the President waived the provisions of Joint Rule 20 for the transmittal of HJR 6. The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

March 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 378](#), [H 321](#), [HCR 17](#), [H 361](#), [H 113](#), [H 376](#), [HJR 6](#), and [H 368](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 378](#), [H 321](#), [HCR 17](#), [H 361](#), [H 113](#), [H 376](#), [HJR 6](#), and [H 368](#) were filed for first reading.

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 1172****BY FINANCE COMMITTEE****AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1173**BY FINANCE COMMITTEE****AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1174**BY FINANCE COMMITTEE****AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[S 1172](#), [S 1173](#), and [S 1174](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 378](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 321](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[HCR 17](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 361](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 113](#) and [H 376](#), by State Affairs Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[HJR 6](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 368](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 9](#), as amended, and [H 158](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 208](#), by Local Government Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 329](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 331](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 290](#), [H 327](#), and [H 136](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 25](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1144](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 354](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was 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 1080](#) and [S 1079](#) retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for Friday, March 21, 2025.

[S 1157](#) 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Goodrich (Rabe), Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1157](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1096](#), as amended, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1141](#), 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 27.

NAYS—Goodrich (Rabe), Guthrie, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 8.

Paired and voting included in roll call:

AYE - Lakey NAY - Semmelroth

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1141](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1149](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Adams 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Goodrich (Rabe), Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 32.

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

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1149](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1133](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Adams 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Goodrich (Rabe), Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Keyser, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 27.

NAYS—Carlson, Foreman, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 7.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1133](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 243](#), as amended in the Senate, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. 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—Adams, Anthon, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 25.

NAYS—Bernt, Goodrich (Rabe), Guthrie, Harris, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 10.

Paired and voting included in roll call:

AYE - Okuniewicz NAY - Semmelroth

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 243](#), 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 bills amended in the Senate, followed by House appropriation 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 12:03 p.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary