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Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 10:15 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Adams, Burtenshaw, and Shippy, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Declan Nash, 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 February 27, 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

Senator Burtenshaw was recorded present at this order of business.

February 27, 2025

Dear President Pro Tempore,

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

This appointment is effective Monday, March 3, 2025, and will continue as long as necessary.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Alison Rabe

Upon Acting Senator Mathews' arrival on Monday, he 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

February 28, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1136](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1136](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

February 27, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 64](#), [H 65](#), [H 66](#), [H 67](#), [H 122](#), [H 151](#), and [S 1126](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 64](#), [H 65](#), [H 66](#), [H 67](#), [H 122](#), [H 151](#), and [S 1126](#) were filed for second reading.

February 27, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Nancy Merrill to the Idaho Personnel Commission, term to expire July 1, 2030.

FOREMAN, 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.

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The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 142](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 142](#) was filed for second reading.

February 27, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 236](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LENT, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 236](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 27, 2025

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

Paul Amador to the Public Charter School Commission, term to expire May 12, 2028.

LENT, 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.

February 27, 2025

The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1116](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1116](#) was 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

February 27, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 243](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 243](#) was 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 1137 **BY FINANCE COMMITTEE** AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1138 **BY FINANCE COMMITTEE** AN ACT

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

[S 1137](#) and [S 1138](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 243](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 19](#) and [H 36](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1054](#) and [S 1063](#), by Agricultural Affairs 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 1080](#), [S 1089](#), and [S 1079](#) retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1053](#) 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?"

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

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, 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 Pro Tempore declared [S 1053](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1115](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1007](#), as amended, 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, Blaylock, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 25.

NAYS—Burtenshaw, Guthrie, Harris, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 9.

Absent and excused—Woodward. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1007](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1092](#), as amended, 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?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, 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 Pro Tempore declared [S 1092](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1076](#), as amended, 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:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, 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 Pro Tempore declared [S 1076](#), 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 1027](#), as amended, as amended, and [S 1083](#), as amended, retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1071](#), as amended, as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Hart 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, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Galloway, Guthrie, Hart, Nichols, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 18.

NAYS—Bernt, Bjerke, Foreman, Grow, Harris, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 15.

Absent and excused—Lent, Woodward. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1071](#), as amended, as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1121](#) 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, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Lent, Woodward. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1121](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1130](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Ward-Engelking 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, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 21.

NAYS—Carlson, Foreman, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 12.

Absent and excused—Lent, Woodward. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1130](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1131](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1132](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Wintrow 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, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Lent, Woodward. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1132](#) 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 11:30 a.m. until the hour of 10:45 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2025.

KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary