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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Keyser, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Rabe and Shippy, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Truman Smith, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senator Shippy was recorded present at this order of business.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of February 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.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

February 14, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 106](#), [SCR 109](#), [S 1104](#), and [S 1105](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 106](#) and [SCR 109](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1104](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1105](#) was referred to the Transportation Committee.

February 13, 2025

The TRANSPORTATION Committee reports out [S 1071](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

OKUNIEWICZ, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1071](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 13, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1066](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

FOREMAN, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1066](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 13, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1102](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[S 1102](#) was filed for second reading.

February 13, 2025

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 40](#) and [S 1073](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 40](#) and [S 1073](#) were filed for second reading.

February 13, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 79](#), [S 1069](#), and [S 1096](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 79](#), [S 1069](#), and [S 1096](#) were filed for second reading.

February 12, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 41](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LENT, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 41](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 14, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 8](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 8](#) was filed for second reading.

February 14, 2025

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

Representative James Petzke to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to expire April 11, 2028.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

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

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

Messages from the Governor

February 13, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Nancy Merrill of Eagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Personnel Commission to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2030.

This reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of reappointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 106](#) and [H 172](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 106](#) and [H 172](#) were filed for first reading.

February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SCR 102](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SCR 102](#) was 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 1106 BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM EXPENSE CLASS AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1107 BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS, AND THE IDAHO STATE POLICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIFIC PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1108 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, SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, DIVISION OF WELFARE, DIVISION OF MEDICAID, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION, INDEPENDENT COUNCILS, AND THE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; 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 TREATMENT ACT FUNDS; PROHIBITING THE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL COSTS; REQUIRING MONTHLY MEDICAID TRACKING REPORTS; ALLOWING FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MEDICAID PROGRAMS; REQUIRING A REPORT ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IMPLEMENTATION; REQUIRING COST-SHARING FOR SERVICES; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUDGET

INTEGRITY FOR MEDICAID; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE (GENERAL) FUND TO THE RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FUND; ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR THE HOME VISITATION PROGRAM; 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; DIRECTING AN INTERAGENCY PAYMENT FOR A JUVENILE DETENTION CLINICIANS CONTRACT; 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; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1109
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS, THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES, THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY, THE STATE APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN, THE COMMISSION OF PARDONS AND PAROLE, AND THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPREDATION OF LIVESTOCK AND PREVENTION FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTION FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IDAHO BROADBAND FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT FUND; DIRECTING THE USE OF BROADBAND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT

OF FINANCE; REAFFIRMING STATUTORY COMPLIANCE REGARDING TELEHEALTH FACILITIES FOR THE IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1110
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, THE CAPITOL COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON AGING, THE COMMISSION ON THE ARTS, THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, THE OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY, THE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES, THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, THE STATE LIQUOR DIVISION, THE MILITARY DIVISION, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION, THE STEM ACTION CENTER, THE WOLF DEPREDATION CONTROL BOARD, THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS, AND THE STATE TAX COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE PERMANENT BUILDING FUND TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES FUND; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE CAPITOL MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND TO THE CAPITOL COMMISSION OPERATING FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IDAHO STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR ENERGY RESILIENCY GRANTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING REVENUE REPORTS FOR THE STATE LIQUOR DIVISION; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES BY THE MILITARY DIVISION; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IN-DEMAND CAREERS FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR PLAN STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR

CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1111
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 48-603H, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TRUTH IN DIGITAL ADVERTISING SALES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), [S 1110](#), and [S 1111](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 106](#), by Agricultural Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 172](#), by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Foreman, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1023](#), as amended, was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

[S 1011](#) and [S 1013](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1043](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 93](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 44](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1044](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 89](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1051](#) and [S 1034](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1027](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1030](#), as amended, and [S 1042](#), as amended, by Judiciary and Rules Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1025](#), as amended, by Education 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

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Anthon, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate

consideration of [S 1025](#), as amended, be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, 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—Keyser. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1025](#), as amended, was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1025](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent 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, Burtenshaw, Cook, Lent, VanOrden. Total - 6.

NAYS—Adams, Bjerke, Blaylock, Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

Absent and excused—Keyser. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared that [S 1025](#), as amended, had failed to pass the Senate and ordered the bill 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 Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:29 a.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Monday, February 17, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary