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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lucy Barton, 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 17, 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

Senator Den Hartog, by unanimous consent, requested that [H 41](#), be referred back to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

There being no objection, **H 41**, having previously been held at the Secretary's Desk, was referred back to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1112](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1112](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

February 17, 2025

The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), and [S 1110](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), and [S 1110](#) were filed for second reading.

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The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [S 1012](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), and [S 1086](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[S 1012](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), and [S 1086](#) were filed for second reading.

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

Albert Barker to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029;

Brian Olmstead to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029;

Mike Edmondson as the Administrator of the Office of Species Conservation, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointments were 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 JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1090](#), [S 1101](#), and [S 1104](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1090](#), [S 1101](#), and [S 1104](#) were filed for second reading.

February 17, 2025

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

Marianne King as the Administrator of the Office of Drug Policy, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

LAKEY, 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 18, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1087](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

VANORDEN, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1087](#) 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

February 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Kevin Settles of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2027.

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 State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 17, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 202](#), [H 62](#), [H 107](#), [H 64](#), [H 66](#), [H 67](#), [H 16](#), [H 116](#), [H 120](#), [HJM 3](#), [H 46](#), and [H 125](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 202](#), [H 62](#), [H 107](#), [H 64](#), [H 66](#), [H 67](#), [H 16](#), [H 116](#), [H 120](#), [HJM 3](#), [H 46](#), and [H 125](#) 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 1113

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ADOPTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 20, TITLE 16, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 16-2013A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING POSTADOPTION CONTACT AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1114

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2602, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING

SECTION 39-2603, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2604, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2605, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2606, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2607, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2608, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1115

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 40, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 40-529, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN STUDIES REGARDING EFFICIENT AND SAFE HIGHWAY LINKAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1116

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET; AMENDING SECTION 67-3531, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; REPEALING SECTION 67-5285, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, COST ESTIMATES, AND THE ASSESSMENT OF RECIPIENT AGENCIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 52, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-5285, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE BILLING OF STATE AGENCIES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1113](#), [S 1114](#), [S 1115](#), and [S 1116](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 202](#) and [H 62](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 107](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 64](#), [H 66](#), and [H 67](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 16](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 116](#) and [H 120](#), by Business Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[HJM 3](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 46](#) and [H 125](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

H 34, by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

S 1103, by State Affairs 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

H 29 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, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **H 29** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

H 35 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 31.

NAYS—Carlson, Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **H 35** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

S 1038 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman 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, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 29.

NAYS—Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Grow, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Woodward. Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1038** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, **H 15** retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

S 1020 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, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1020** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1040 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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 declared **S 1040** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1041 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Taylor 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 declared **S 1041** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

H 7 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Shippy 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, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 27.

NAYS—Guthrie, Hart, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 8.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 7](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

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 12:13 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary