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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except President Pro Tempore Anthon and Senators Lent and Ricks, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Nichols and Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Clever, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senators Nichols and Ruchti were 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 6, 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 Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SCR 105

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE RECEIVING OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING ADOPTION IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide an avenue for the State of Idaho to receive federal funds for the purpose of adoption education, adoption awareness, and the improvement of birth mother support and care; and

WHEREAS, receiving such federal funds would allow the State of Idaho to receive back a portion of Idaho taxpayer money to be used in a manner that aligns with Idaho's pro-life values; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of providing a healthy and welcoming environment and advancing the health and well-being of birth mothers who choose adoption and making Idaho the most adoption-friendly state in the nation while investing public moneys in the creation of future Idaho families; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare engaging in actions supporting an informed choice by Idaho birth mothers to participate in adoption would further these aims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature declares its support for the receiving of federal funds for adoption education, adoption awareness, and the improvement and expansion of birth mother support and care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature support the use of such funds, if received, by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for the administration, oversight, management, and reporting of programs related to adoption education resources, emotional support resources, physical and medical support, and adoption-related legal support.

[SCR 105](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

February 7, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 104](#), [S 1059](#), [S 1060](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), [S 1063](#), [S 1064](#), and [S 1065](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 104](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1059](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1060](#), [S 1061](#), and [S 1062](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1063](#) was referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[S 1064](#) and [S 1065](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

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The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) were filed for second reading.

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The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 29](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[H 29](#) was filed for second reading.

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

Britt Raubenheimer to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, term to expire July 1, 2027.

VANORDEN, 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.

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

Messages from the Governor

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dayn Hardie of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission to serve a term commencing January 31, 2025, and expiring January 31, 2031.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 6, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 34](#), [H 55](#), [H 36](#), [H 37](#), and [H 89](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 34](#), [H 55](#), [H 36](#), [H 37](#), and [H 89](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Lori Wolff was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Lori Wolff as the Administrator of Division of Financial Management was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the Transportation Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Bloem was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Hart, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Bloem as a member of the Aeronautics Advisory Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

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 1066

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTITY THEFT; AMENDING SECTION 28-51-104, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 28-51-105, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF BREACH OF SECURITY OF COMPUTERIZED PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION BY AN AGENCY, INDIVIDUAL, OR A COMMERCIAL ENTITY; AMENDING SECTION 28-51-106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1067

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 98, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION LIMITATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1068

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1637, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PARENT-SUPPORTED INSTRUCTION AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1069
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1807, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE LITERACY INTERVENTION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1070
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-4806, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR AN ONLINE PARENT TECH AWARENESS PROGRAM THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1071
BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 49-306, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN VOLUNTARY DONATION RELATING TO VISION SCREENING AND EYE HEALTH AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1072
BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 49-402D, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROCEDURES; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420T, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR TOO GREAT FOR HATE LICENSE PLATES AND TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1073
BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 50-344, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEMS IN CITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1074
BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX; AMENDING SECTION 63-602G, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN HOMESTEADS OCCUPIED BY CERTAIN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 63-301A, IDAHO CODE, TO

PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 63-3077, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

S 1075
BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES; AMENDING SECTION 50-707A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN BY DISTRICTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1066](#), [S 1067](#), [S 1068](#), [S 1069](#), [S 1070](#), [S 1071](#), [S 1072](#), [S 1073](#), [S 1074](#), and [S 1075](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 34](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 55](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 36](#) and [H 37](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 89](#), 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

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1034](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

[S 1021](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1032](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

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 11:01 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary