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**TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024**

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Winder called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Lent and Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caitlyn Ross, 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 January 30, 2024, 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 Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

### Reports of Standing Committees

January 31, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1257](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1257](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

January 30, 2024

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

Mitchell Watkins to the Idaho Transportation Board, term to expire January 31, 2030.

OKUNIEWICZ, 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.

January 31, 2024

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

Julie Ann Triepke to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2025;

Michael Brassey to the Idaho Personnel Commission, term to expire July 1, 2029.

COOK, Chairman

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

January 31, 2024

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1250](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1250](#) was filed for second reading.

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

### Messages from the Governor

January 29, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Todd Lakey of Nampa, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Insurance Fund Board to serve a term commencing January 20, 2023, and expiring January 20, 2025.

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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 29, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Janelle White of Boise, Idaho, was appointed as the Administrator of the Division of Human Resources to serve a term commencing January 14, 2024, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

#### **Messages from the House**

January 30, 2024

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 390](#) and [H 422](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 390](#) and [H 422](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

#### **Motions and Resolutions**

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Carolyn Lodge was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Wintrow, seconded by Senator Lee, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Carolyn Lodge as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment 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 Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Heidi Hart retained its place on the calendar for Monday, February 5, 2024.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Cuoio retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President Pro Tempore announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Amy Bloem was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Toews, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Amy Bloem as a member of the Idaho Lottery Commission was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointments of Erik Lehtinen retained there place on the calendar for one legislative day.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Don Ebert retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Health and Welfare Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Patrick Purdy was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Taylor, seconded by Senator Bernt, the Gubernatorial appointment of Patrick Purdy as a member of the Board of Environmental Quality was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Anthon, 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 1258**

##### **BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

##### **AN ACT**

RELATING TO ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS OR PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AMENDING SECTION 40-203, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ABANDONMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

##### **S 1259**

##### **BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

##### **AN ACT**

RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; AMENDING SECTION 72-1382, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SECRET BALLOT ELECTIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EMPLOYER TO RECOGNIZE, CERTIFY, OR COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF EMPLOYEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

##### **S 1260**

##### **BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

##### **AN ACT**

RELATING TO CITY ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 50-405, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN CITY ELECTIONS FOR UNOPPOSED OFFICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1261**  
**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**AN ACT**

RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEE TELEWORK; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 59-1027, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE EMPLOYEE TELEWORK POLICY AND SCHEDULES, TO DEFINE TERMS, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1258](#), [S 1259](#), [S 1260](#), and [S 1261](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 390](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 422](#), 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**

[S 1239](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

**Miscellaneous Business**

On motion by Senator Anthon, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2024.

CHUCK WINDER, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary