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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 Winder and Senators Burtenshaw, Cook, Grow, Lent, and VanOrden, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Regan Ybarra, 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 19, 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.

President Pro Tempore Winder and Senators Cook and Grow were recorded present at this order of business.

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

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SJR 104
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 23, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, RELATING TO LIMITING THE LENGTH OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY OR SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

[SJR 104](#) was introduced, read the first time 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

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, and VanOrden were recorded present at this order of business.

January 22, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1238](#), [S 1239](#), [S 1240](#), and [S 1241](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1238](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1239](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1240](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1241](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

January 22, 2024

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1223](#), [S 1225](#), and [S 1236](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1223](#), [S 1225](#), and [S 1236](#) were 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 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Steven Bailey of Boise, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the Department of Administration to serve a term commencing September 6, 2023, 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.

January 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Patrick McDonald of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission of Pardons and

Parole to serve a term commencing January 1, 2024, and expiring January 1, 2027.

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 Judiciary and Rules Committee.

January 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Ed Schriever of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council to serve a term commencing January 15, 2024, and expiring January 15, 2027.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Betty Coppersmith of Eagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to serve a term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2027.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Margaret Chipman of Weiser, Idaho, was appointed to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to serve a term commencing August 15, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2026.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mitchell Watkins of Twin Falls, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Transportation Board to serve a term commencing January 31, 2024, and expiring January 31, 2030.

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 Transportation Committee.

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

Motions and Resolutions

Having been held, the President announced that the Health and Welfare Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Clayton Steele was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Carlson, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Clayton Steele as a member of the Board of Environmental Quality 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 State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of David Kim was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Wintrow, seconded by Senator Anthon, the Gubernatorial appointment of David Kim

as a member of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights 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 State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Mary Pat Thompson was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by President Pro Tempore Winder, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Mary Pat Thompson as a member of the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment 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.

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

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Representative Kenny Wroten as a member of the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment 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.

The Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills,
House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials**

S 1242

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 59, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-5909B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIREMENT OF STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1242](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1220](#) and [S 1226](#), by State Affairs Committee, were 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 11:28 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary