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## **Speaker Bedke Announces Formation of Historical Working Group**

**BOISE, Idaho** – Today, (February 5, 2021) Speaker of the House Scott Bedke announced the formation of the House Historical Working Group.

“In light of the recent Supreme Court decision confirming legislative control of the 1st Floor of our Historic Capitol Building, I have tasked Representatives Megan Blanksma, Wendy Horman, and Laurie Lickley to work closely with the Idaho Historical Society and develop a plan for the Historic Vault space and open it as a permanent exhibit,” said Speaker Bedke. “It is my hope that by this summer we will all be able to enjoy the return of Capitol tours, with the addition of an exhibit featuring rotating artifacts from the Historical Museum and focusing on the historical value of the Capitol.”

Last month, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled 5-0 that State Treasurer must adhere to the law and vacate the Statehouse office space. The highest Court in Idaho unanimously agreed that the Legislature has the sole authority to control and allocate the space on the first floor of the Capitol.

We have attached two (2) pictures to this release. One features the historic vault and the other features the door to the Capitol’s vault space. The Legislature is looking forward to sharing with the public what is behind this door!

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