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**IDAHO STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION
SEARCHES FOR ORIGINAL STATEHOUSE FURNISHINGS**

(BOISE) Idaho State Capitol Commission Chairmen, Roy Lewis Eiguren, today announced that the Idaho State Capitol Commission has initiated a statewide “scavenger hunt” for items and furnishings that may have originally been placed in the Idaho State Capitol Building.

This effort is part of the Commission’s goal to restore the Statehouse to its original splendor by the year 2005, in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the initiation of construction of Idaho’s most treasured structure.

Anyone having items known to be of historic interest to the Commission, or who knows of the whereabouts of any era pieces, are asked to contact Pam Ahrens, Director of the Idaho Department of Administration (332-1824), and Commission Secretary. The Commission is able to accept in-kind donations through a tax-deductible contribution, or may in the future negotiate to buy-back some of the historic items.

“A search of state government agencies has turned up a few interesting items, said Eiguren. Artifacts include a fainting couch, a library ladder, a couple of old safes, and miscellaneous lamps, desks, chairs, tables, and shelves. These items may have once adorned the hallways and offices of our Statehouse, and they represent diverse eras of Idaho history”, he said.