

**Organizational and Orientation Session  
December 2, 3, 4, 1980**

**Journal of the House**

**Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly**

**FIRST DAY**

Bismarck, December 2, 1980

At the hour of nine o'clock A.M. on the second day of December, 1980, being the day and hour designated by law for the convening of the organizational session of the legislative assembly for the State of North Dakota, the members elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the House Chamber of the State Capitol building at Bismarck, North Dakota, and were called to order by the Speaker of the 1979 legislative session, Rep. Vernon Wagner.

Speaker Wagner announced the House would be on the Fourth Order of Business.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The list of the qualified members as certified by the Secretary of State was read by the 1979 Chief Clerk, Roy Gilbreath, as follows:

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Forty-Seventh Legislative Assembly  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the following is, according to the records of my office, a true and correct list of the names and addresses of those duly elected as members of the House of Representatives of the Forty-Seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota.

Dist.	Counties or parts thereof	Name	Address
1.	Williams	Verdin D. Rice	Williston
		Steve Hughes	Williston
2.	Williams, Burke, Divide	Olaf Opedahl	Tioga
		Irven, Jacobson	Alamo
3.	Renville, Ward	Orlin "Bill" Hanson	Sherwood
		Richard J. Backes	Glenburn
4.	Burke, Mountrail	Ruth Meiers	Ross
		Jim Sorum	Flaxton
5.	Ward	Dave Koland	Minot
		Mike Timm	Minot
6.	McHenry, Bottineau	Lawrence Marsden	Bottineau
		Carolyn Houmann	Westhope
7.	McHenry, Pierce	Charles "Chuck" Anderson	Voltaire
		Herman Larson	Rugby
8.	McLean, Ward	Layton Freborg	Underwood
		Gordon Matheny	Emmet
9.	Rolette, Towner	Allen Richard	Dunseith
		Oscar Solberg	Rolla

Dist.	Counties or parts thereof	Name	Address
10.	Cavalier, Towner	Eugene Nicholas	Cando
		William S. "Bill" Heigaard	Langdon
11.	Pembina, Walsh	Kenneth Olafson	Gardar
		Mrs. Keith (Alice) Olson	Cavalier
12.	Benson, Eddy	Roger Hill	Maddock
		Bruce W. Larson	Sheyenne
13.	Cass	Dan Olson	Fargo
		L. E. Berger	West Fargo
14.	Foster, Wells	Arthur Melby	Harvey
		Kelley P. Boyum	Carrington
15.	Ramsey	Charles Mertens	Devils Lake
		Gordon Berg	Devils Lake
16.	Walsh	William E. Gorder	Grafton
		Harley Kingsbury	Grafton
17.	Grand Forks	Burness J. Reed	Grand Forks
		Elaine Vig	Grand Forks
18.	Grand Forks	Earl S. Strinden	Grand Forks
		Thomas J. Kuchera	Grand Forks
19.	Grand Forks, Nelson, Walsh	Oben Gunderson	McCanna
		Dagne B. Olsen	Manvel
20.	Traill, Cass, Grand Forks	David W. Kent	Hatton
		Peter Lipsiea	Portland
21.	Cass	Paul L. DuBord	Fargo
		Patricia (Tish) Kelly	Fargo
22.	Cass, Barnes	Joe Peltier	Arthur
		Dorothy Marshall Moun	Ayr
23.	Grggs, Steele, Nelson, Ramsey	Arvid E. Hedstrom	Tolna
		Robert J. Jacobsen	Luverne
24.	Barnes	Earl R. Pomeroy	Valley City
		Dean K. Horgan	Valley City
25.	Richland	Roy Hausauer	Wahpeton
		Dayle Dietz	Wahpeton
26.	Dickey, Sargent	John (J.D.) Crabtree	Ellendale
		Donald Zimbleman	Fullerton
27.	Ransom, Richland	Lawrence Dick	Englevale
		Ralph C. Dotzenrod	Wyndmere
28.	LaMoure, Logan, Dickey	Reuben Metz	Alfred
		Jim Brokaw	Forbes
29.	Stutsman	Gordon Larson	Jamestown
		Elmer Retzer	Cleveland
30.	Emmons, McIntosh	William E. Kretschmar	Ashley
		Wilbur VanderVorst	Hague
31.	Kidder, Sheridan, Burleigh	Theodore A. Lang	Sterling
		Orville Schindler	McClusky
32.	Burleigh	Serenus Hoffner	Bismarck
		Roger Koski	Bismarck
33.	Mercer, Oliver, Morton	Ronald Gunsch	Zap
		Fred E. "Bob" Nagel	New Salem
34.	Morton	Corliss Mushik	Mandan
		James Gerl	Mandan
35.	Grant, Sioux, Morton	Walter Meyer	Flasher
		Emil J. Riehl	Raleigh

Dist.	Counties or parts thereof	Name	Address
36.	Dunn, McKenzie, Mercer	J.R. "Jack" Murphy	Killdeer
		Ronald A. Anderson	Keene
37.	Stark	Francis J. Wald	Dickinson
		William G. Goetz	Dickinson
38.	Adams, Hettinger, Stark	Kenneth Knudson	Taylor
		Clarence Martin	Lefor
39.	Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Slope, Stark	Kenneth Thompson	Beach
		Joseph R. Whalen	Bowman
40. & 50.	Ward, Combined	Brynhild Haugland	Minot
		James A. (Jim) Peterson	Minot
		Roy Rued	Minot
		Doug Mattson	Minot
41.	Ward	Franklin Huwe	Minot
		Janet Wentz	Minot
42.	Grand Forks	Gayle Reiten	Grand Forks
		Glenn Pomeroy	Grand Forks
43.	Grand Forks	Rosie Black	Grand Forks
		Moine R. Gates	Grand Forks
44.	Cass	Craig Richie	Fargo
		Marshall Moore	Fargo
45.	Cass	Steven J. Swiontek	Fargo
		Thomas Matchie	Fargo
46.	Cass	Aloha Eagles	Fargo
		Richard Kloubec	Fargo
47.	Burleigh	Vernon E. Wagner	Bismarck
		Pat Conmy	Bismarck
48.	Stutsman, Barnes	Michael B. Unhjem	Jamestown
		Lyle Hanson	Jamestown
49.	Burleigh	Bob Martinson	Bismarck
		Alvin Hausauer	Bismarck
50. & 40.	Combined		

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, this 21st day of November, 1980.

**BEN MEIER**  
Secretary of State  
State of North Dakota

GREAT SEAL

#### ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and there were 100 members present and 0 absent, as follows:

Present:

Anderson, C.	Hausauer, A.	Lipsiea	Pomeroy, E.
Anderson, R.	Hausauer, R.	Marsden	Pomeroy, G.
Backes	Hedstrom	Martin	Reed
Berg	Heigaard	Martinson	Reiten
Berger	Hill	Matchie	Retzer
Black	Hoffner	Matheny	Rice
Boyum	Horgan	Mattson	Richard
Brokaw	Houmann	Meiers	Richie
Conmy	Hughes	Melby	Riehl
Crabtree	Huwe	Mertens	Rued

Dick	Jacobsen, R.	Metz	Schindler
Dietz	Jacobson, I.	Meyer	Solberg
Dotzenrod	Kelly	Moore	Sorum
DuBord	Kent	Moum	Strinden
Eagles	Kingsbury	Murphy	Swiontek
Freborg	Kloubec	Mushik	Thompson
Gates	Knudson	Nagel	Timm
Gerl	Koland	Nicholas	Unhjem
Goetz	Koski	Olafson	VanderVorst
Gorder	Kretschmar	Olsen, D.	Vig
Gunderson	Kuchera	Olson, A.	Wagner
Gunsch	Lang	Olson, D.	Wald
Hanson, L.	Larson B.	Opedahl	Whalen
Hanson, O.	Larson, G.	Peltier	Wentz
Haugland	Larson, H.	Peterson	Zimbleman

Rep. Strinden moved that the Acting Speaker appoint a committee of two to escort Associate Justice Vernon Pederson to the rostrum. The motion prevailed, and Reps. Kretschmar and Mushik were so appointed.

Associate Justice Pederson was escorted to the rostrum and administered the Oath of Office to the members present.

Prayer was offered by Fr. Thomas Kramer, Co-Pastor, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck.

Informational packets were distributed to the members, with the materials therein being explained by Mr. John Graham, Director of the Legislative Council staff.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that the House stand recessed until 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

The House reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Acting Speaker Wagner presiding.

Nominations then were opened for the position of Chief Clerk.

Rep. Lang nominated Roy Gilbreath. Rep. Schindler moved that the nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of Roy Gilbreath as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. The roll was called, and there were 100 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and not voting.

Those voting for Gilbreath were:

Anderson, C.	Hausauer, A.	Lipsiea	Pomeroy, E.
Anderson, R.	Hausauer, R.	Marsden	Pomeroy, G.
Backes	Hedstrom	Martin	Reed
Berg	Heigaard	Martinson	Reiten
Berger	Hill	Matchie	Retzer
Black	Hoffner	Matheny	Rice
Boyum	Horgan	Mattson	Richard
Brokaw	Houmann	Meiers	Richie
Conny	Hughes	Melby	Riehl
Crabtree	Huwe	Mertens	Rued
Dick	Jacobsen, R.	Metz	Schindler
Dietz	Jacobson, I.	Meyer	Solberg
Dotzenrod	Kelly	Moore	Sorum
DuBord	Kent	Moum	Strinden
Eagles	Kingsbury	Murphy	Swiontek
Freborg	Kloubec	Mushik	Thompson

Gates	Knudson	Nagel	Timm
Gerl	Koland	Nicholas	Unhjem
Goetz	Koski	Olafson	VanderVorst
Gorder	Kretschmar	Olsen, D.	Vig
Gunderson	Kuchera	Olson, A.	Wagner
Gunsch	Lang	Olson, D.	Wald
Hanson, L.	Larson B.	Opedahl	Whalen
Hanson, O.	Larson, G.	Peltier	Wentz
Haugland	Larson, H.	Peterson	Zimbleman

Acting Speaker Wagner administered the oath of office to Chief Clerk Roy Gilbreath.

Nominations were opened for Desk Reporter. Rep. Rued placed in nomination the name of Barbara Middaugh. Rep. Conmy moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of Barbara Middaugh as Desk Reporter for the House of Representatives. The roll was called, and there were 99 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and not voting.

Those voting for Middaugh were:

Anderson, C.	Hausauer, A.	Marsden	Pomeroy, G.
Anderson, R.	Hausauer, R.	Martin	Reed
Backes	Hedstrom	Martinson	Reiten
Berg	Heigaard	Matchie	Retzer
Berger	Hill	Matheny	Rice
Black	Hoffner	Mattson	Richard
Boyum	Horgan	Meiers	Richie
Brokaw	Houmann	Melby	Riehl
Conmy	Hughes	Mertens	Rued
Crabtree	Huwe	Metz	Schindler
Dick	Jacobsen, R.	Meyer	Solberg
Dietz	Jacobson, I.	Moore	Sorum
Dotzenrod	Kent	Moum	Strinden
DuBord	Kingsbury	Murphy	Swiontek
Eagles	Kloubec	Mushik	Thompson
Freborg	Knudson	Nagel	Timm
Gates	Koland	Nicholas	Unhjem
Gerl	Koski	Olafson	VanderVorst
Goetz	Kretschmar	Olsen, D.	Vig
Gorder	Kuchera	Olson, A.	Wagner
Gunderson	Lang	Olson, D.	Wald
Gunsch	Larson B.	Opedahl	Whalen
Hanson, L.	Larson, G.	Peltier	Wentz
Hanson, O.	Larson, H.	Peterson	Zimbleman
Haugland	Lipsiea	Pomeroy, E.	

Those absent and not voting were:

Kelly

Acting Speaker Wagner administered the oath of office to Desk Reporter Middaugh.

Rep. Strinden expressed appreciation to Barbara King, retiring Desk Reporter, for her services over the past eleven years, and moved that the record show that a standing vote of thanks be extended to her, which motion prevailed.

Nominations were opened for Sergeant-at-Arms. Rep. Dick nominat-

ed David Hillesland. Rep. Lipsiea moved that nominations be closed, which motion prevailed.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of David Hillesland as Sergeant-at-Arms. The roll was called, and there were 100 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and not voting.

Those voting for Hillesland were:

Anderson, C.	Hausauer, A.	Lipsiea	Pomeroy, E.
Anderson, R.	Hausauer, R.	Marsden	Pomeroy, G.
Backes	Hedstrom	Martin	Reed
Berg	Heigaard	Martinson	Reiten
Berger	Hill	Matchie	Retzer
Black	Hoffner	Matheny	Rice
Boyum	Horgan	Mattson	Richard
Brokaw	Houmann	Meiers	Richie
Conmy	Hughes	Melby	Riehl
Crabtree	Huwe	Mertens	Rued
Dick	Jacobsen, R.	Metz	Schindler
Dietz	Jacobson, I.	Meyer	Solberg
Dotzenrod	Kelly	Moore	Sorum
DuBord	Kent	Moum	Strinden
Eagles	Kingsbury	Murphy	Swiontek
Freborg	Kloubec	Mushik	Thompson
Gates	Knudson	Nagel	Timm
Gerl	Koland	Nicholas	Unhjem
Goetz	Koski	Olafson	VanderVorst
Gorder	Kretschmar	Olsen, D.	Vig
Gunderson	Kuchera	Olson, A.	Wagner
Gunsch	Lang	Olson, D.	Wald
Hanson, L.	Larson B.	Opedahl	Whalen
Hanson, O.	Larson, G.	Peltier	Wentz
Haugland	Larson, H.	Peterson	Zimbleman

Speaker Wagner administered the oath of office to David Hillesland. Nominations were opened for Speaker of the House.

Rep. Dietz: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly: I rise to make a nomination. I place in nomination for the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 47th Session of the North Dakota Legislature the name of Rep. James A. Peterson, an exceptional candidate.

"Jim has served the State of North Dakota for 7 terms. Jim has served the Minot District 40-50 since 1967, an endorsement that deserves special recognition. Seven terms, seven terms on the Appropriations Committee, two terms as Vice-Chairman, one term as Chairman.

"Jim Peterson has been on the House Policy Committee for four sessions 1973, 1975, 1977, and 1979.

"Jim Peterson has functioned extremely well as Republican Caucus Chairman for the North Dakota House of Representatives for three terms, 1973, 1975 and 1977.

"Jim's character and personality are well-rounded and diversified. He is in business as Peterson Excavating, Inc. of Minot.

"Jim is married to Yvonne and they have four children.

"He is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and is past-president of the Church Council.

"An army veteran, Jim served in Korea. He is on the Board of Directors of International Peace Garden and Trinity Medical Center. He is a member of the Elk's Lodge among other organizations.

"How about the qualifications for the Speaker of the North Dakota House of Representatives? He must be a respected member of the Legislative community, Jim is. He must be well versed in parliamentary procedure, Jim is. He must be able to organize and prioritize, Jim does. He must facilitate decision making, Jim will.

"Jim is well-qualified. Jim will be fair minded. Jim will encourage the exchange of information and opinions.

"Jim is a leader through experience, and devotion and inheritance. Jim has the desire to serve you capably and effectively.

"I urge you to consider your decision for the Speakership of the 47th Session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly and to make that decision for Rep. James A. Peterson. Thank you."

Rep. A. Olson: "Making a seconding speech is an easy task. Most everything has been said, so I could really just say 'ditto' and sit down, but I want to also add a few words in support of Jim. I believe Representative Jim Peterson can fill the bill totally as 'Mr. Speaker' and I would feel proud to so address him.

"Jim has served seven terms in the North Dakota House and has garnered a distinguished record of personal achievement as a State Representative. He had handled many difficult tasks well during his period of tenure and is a well-liked, respected member of the House. I am proud to second the nomination of Representative Jim Peterson for Speaker of the House."

Rep. Gunsch: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: As Speaker of the House we want a man who is a strong leader, and one who knows Parliamentary Procedure, a person who is fair to everyone and a person who can relate to all of the members the House. These are some of his qualifications.

"Rep. Peterson has served seven terms in the House of Representatives, seven terms as a member of the Appropriations Committee - acting as Vice-Chairman, and serving as Chairman of that Committee in the 1979 Session. Rep. Peterson has been the Republican Caucus Chairman the past three sessions.

"He has served as Chairman of his church council. Rep. Peterson and his family operate a good sized construction business.

"I believe that these accomplishments prove that Rep. Peterson is a leader.

"Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House, I am proud to second the nomination of Representative James Peterson."

Rep. I. Jacobson: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly: It is a privilege for me to nominate my colleague and friend, Rep. Olaf Opedahl for Speaker of the House.

"Olaf has served with dignity and respect in the House of Representatives for 18 years. During those years, he has served on several committees, Finance and Tax, Industry, Business and Labor, Transportation, and for the last six terms, on the Appropriations Committee. As you can see, his experience makes him a good choice for Speaker of the House.

"But there is probably a more compelling reason to elect Olaf as Speaker. Just think about it. The change would not be too great. The present Speaker and Olaf have a lot in common — look at that hairline, look at that size. There would not be that big a change.

“Also, think what the media could do with this. If we elected our Speaker from the Minority party, you as the Majority would be remembered forever. Just think about that.

“Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly, I am honored to place the name of Olaf Opedahl in nomination as Speaker of the House.”

Rep. Gerl: “Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly: I rise to second the nomination of Rep. Olaf Opedahl for Speaker of the House.

“In this past Legislative Session, the members observed a speaker of strong leadership abilities. Durability and tenacity are hall marks of these traits. In order to be durable and tenacious, a person should be free to make the decisions that the Speaker must make daily. When I speak of freedom, I am talking about a real tradition in the making. The tradition that we could continue, is the election of bachelors as Speaker of the House. Representative Olaf Opedahl is durable, tenacious and a bachelor and would make an excellent Speaker, and I am happy to second his nomination.”

Rep. Strinden moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of Speaker of the House. The roll was called, and there were 72 votes cast for Rep. Peterson and 28 votes cast for Rep. Opedahl as follows:

Those voting for Peterson were:

Anderson, C.	Hausauer, R.	Marsden	Reiten
Anderson, R.	Hedstrom	Martin	Retzer
Black	Hill	Martinson	Rice
Boyum	Houmann	Matheny	Richie
Conmy	Hughes	Matson	Rued
Crabtree	Huwe	Melby	Schindler
Dick	Jacobsen, R.	Metz	Strinden
Dietz	Kent	Moore	Swiontek
Eagles	Kingsbury	Moum	Thompson
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Hanson, O.	Larson, G.	Olsen, D.	Whalen
Haugland	Larson, H.	Peltier	Wentz
Hausauer, A.	Lipsiea	Reed	Zimbleman

Those voting for Rep. Opedahl were:

Backes	Hanson, L.	Larson, B.	Peterson
Berg	Heigaard	Matchie	Pomeroy, E.
Berger	Hoffner	Meiers	Pomeroy, G.
Brokaw	Horgan	Mertens	Richard
Dotzenrod	Jacobson, I.	Meyer	Riehl
DuBord	Kelly	Mushik	Solberg
Gerl	Koski	Opedahl	Sorum

Rep. Opedahl moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Rep. Peterson as Speaker of the House, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Strinden moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort the newly elected Speaker to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.



Acting Speaker Wagner appointed Reps. Haugland and Rued. Speaker Peterson then was escorted to the rostrum.

Rep. Strinden moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Ralph Erickstad to the rostrum, to administer the oath of office to the new speaker. Reps. Kretschmar and Mushik were so appointed. Chief Justice Erickstad was escorted to the rostrum and the oath of office was administered to the New Speaker.

Speaker Peterson: "My fellow members of the North Dakota House of Representatives:

"Today you have charged me with a great responsibility. It is a challenge that I accept with a deep sense of gratitude, for you have placed your trust in me. Now you have my assurance that your trust will not be violated, and I shall strive to merit your confidence in me.

"I can only say thank you, and thank you to the members of my caucus.

"I have had the privilege of serving in this magnificent Chamber under seven Speakers of both political parties, and the one unique quality that they have exhibited is fairness.

"May I inject at this point that the members of this Body with whom I have served in the past, and most assuredly those members of the Appropriations Committee, can attest of my concern about all of us being fair minded.

"I would like to welcome the new members and point out that you, as well as those of us who have come back, at least ninety-seven per cent of us will have a new experience, that is serving with a Republican Governor. The records show that only three members of this Assembly have had that experience. May I introduce them: Representative Lawrence Dick of Engelvale with 12 terms completed. This will be his thirteenth representing twenty-six years of service. Former Speaker and Dean of the Democrats, Representative Oscar Solberg of Rolla, with fifteen terms completed. This will be his sixteenth representing thirty-two years of service. And now I would like to introduce the Dean of the North Dakota House of Representatives, and as far as I know the Dean of Legislative Assemblies across these great United States, Representative Brynhild Haugland of Minot, with twenty-one consecutive terms completed. This will be her twenty-second, representing forty-four years of continuous service to this great State.

"I sincerely hope that you new members will find serving in these hallowed chambers a rewarding experience. As we look ahead to this 47th Legislative Assembly with the property tax issue, as well as many other important issues, please keep in mind that good, productive legislation is usually the result of compromise, and as I see it, compromise is essential to the success of this 47th Legislative Assembly.

"Thank you very much!"

Speaker Peterson: "Speaker Wagner:

"Your tenure as speaker of this past Legislative Session certainly fulfilled the promise that you made when you accepted this gavel. That was, that you would be fair to your fellow members, and to lead this body in a manner that would obtain a maximum result for the people of this State.

"You have every right to be proud, because you achieved your objectives through a combination of hard work, good judgment and thoughtful management.

"I follow you now with a sense of humbleness, yet a pride in the fact

that to hold this gavel in the coming session I will continue the valuable traditions you established.

"From all of us now, may I present you this gavel as a remembrance of the esteem in which you are held by your fellow members."

Speaker Wagner: "I leave this rostrum with a certain amount of regret, and I did enjoy the job as Speaker, but I also leave it with a certain amount of anxiety, because I am anxious to get back on the floor again.

"Thank you so much for your great kindness to me during the past two years. I appreciate it, and again before I leave I want to give credit to the people who make this thing go—the Desk Force and the employees.

"Thank you so much for all your help."

Rep. Strinden: "On behalf of all of the members and all of the members of the 46th Legislative Assembly who are here today, we want to commend Rep. Wagner for his distinguished service as Speaker of the House of Representatives. He is an outstanding legislator, a person of great experience and great intelligence, and with a great understanding of the legislative process. He served us well, and will the record show that we commend him for his fine work as Speaker of the House."

Rep Strinden moved that the House adopt as temporary rules the rules of the 46th Legislative Assembly with amendments, which motion prevailed.

Speaker Peterson announced the House would be on the sixteenth order of business, and seating of the members would be handled with preference given to those with the greatest seniority after the former speakers and officers for the session had been seated with their delegations.

#### SEATING ORDER

1. Former Speaker Solberg and District 9 delegation.
2. Former Speaker Wagner and District 47 delegation.
3. Present Speaker Peterson and District 40 and 50 delegation.
4. Majority Floor Leader Strinden and 18th District delegation.
5. Minority Floor Leader Backes and District 3 delegation.
6. Assistant Majority Floor Leader Kretschmar and District 30 delegation.
7. Assistant Minority Floor Leader Mushik and District 34 delegation.

All others were seated by District according to the seniority of the senior member of that district, beginning with the seniority chart provided by the Legislative Council (except the Districts previously seated with officers) as follows:

#### 1981 MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (1981 Session not included)

##### House Seniority Table:

Name	Sessions Served	Total
Haugland, Brynhild	1939-41-43-45-47-49-51-53-55-57-59-61-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	21
Solberg, Oscar	1949-51-53-55-59-61-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	15
Dick, Lawrence	1955-57-59-61-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-79	12

Name	Sessions Served	Total
Backes, Richard	1961-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	10
Opedahl, Olaf	1963-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	9
Wagner, Vernon	1963-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	9
Lang, Theodore	1965-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	8
Eagles, Aloha	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7
Knudson, Kenneth	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7
Larson, Gordon	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7
Peterson, James	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7
Strinden, Earl	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7
Dotzenrod, Ralph	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Gunderson, Oben, Jr.	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Hausauer, Alvin	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Hausauer, LeRoy	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Jacobson, Irvn	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Kingsbury, Harley	1967-69-71-73-79	5
Mertens, Charles	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Murphy, Jack	1971-73-75-77-79	5
Kretschmar, William	1973-75-77-79	4
Marsden, Lawrence	1973-75-77-79	4
Martinson, Robert	1973-75-77-79	4
Matheny, Gordon	1969-73-75-79	4
Mushik, Corliss	1971-75-77-79	4
Olson, Alice	1973-75-77-79	4
Rued, Roy	1973-75-77-79	4
Schindler, Orville	1973-75-77-79	4
Timm, Michael	1973-75-77-79	4
Vander Vorst, Wilbur	1973-75-77-79	4
Berger, L. E.	1975-77-79	3
Freborg, Layton	1973-75-79	3
Gerl, James	1971-77-79	3
Kelly, Tish	1975-77-79	3
Kloubec, Richard	1973-77-79	3
Martin, Clarence	1975-77-79	3
Meiers, Ruth	1975-77-79	3
Meyer, Walter	1975-77-79	3
Nicholas, Eugene	1975-77-79	3
Unhjem, Michael	1975-77-79	3
Wentz, Janet	1975-77-79	3
Berg, Gordon	1977-79	2
Black, Rosie	1977-79	2
Conmy, Patrick	1977-79	2
Crabtree, John	1977-79	2
DuBord, Paul	1977-79	2
Gunsch, Ronald	1977-79	2
Kuchera, Tom	1977-79	2
Lipsiea, Peter	1977-79	2
Metz, Reuben	1975-77	2
Reed, Burness	1977-79	2
Richard, Allen	1977-79	2
Richie, Craig	1977-79	2
Riehl, Emil	1977-79	2
Swiontek, Steven	1977-79	2
Boyum, Kelley	1979	1
Brokaw, James	1979	1

Name	Sessions Served	Total
Dietz, Dayle	1979	1
Goetz, William	1975	1
Gorder, William	1979	1
Hanson, Lyle	1979	1
Hedstrom, Arvid	1979	1
Hoffner, Serenus	1979	1
Horgan, Dean	1977	1
Houmann, Carolyn	1979	1
Jacobsen, Robert	1979	1
Koski, Roger	1979	1
Larson, Bruce	1977	1
Larson, Herman	1979	1
Matchie, Thomas	1977	1
Mattson, Douglas	1979	1
Melby, Arthur	1979	1
Peltier, Joe	1979	1
Pomeroy, Glenn	1979	1
Retzer, Elmer	1979	1
Thompson, Kenneth	1979	1
Vig, Elaine	1979	1
Wald, Francis	1979	1
Anderson, Charles		0
Anderson, Ronald		0
Gates, Moine		0
Hanson, Orlin		0
Heigaard, William		0
Hill, Roger		0
Hughes, Steve		0
Huwe, Franklin		0
Kent, David		0
Koland, David		0
Moore, Marshall		0
Moum, Dorothy		0
Nagel, Fred		0
Olafson, Kenneth		0
Olsen, Dagne		0
Olson, Dan		0
Pomeroy, Earl		0
Reiten, Gayle		0
Rice, Verdine		0
Sorum, Jim		0
Whalen, Joseph		0
Zimbleman, Donald		0

The Speaker announced that the next order of business would be the appointment of Procedural Committees.

Rep. Strinden moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor and the Senate that the House is organized and ready to transact business, which motion prevailed. The Speaker appointed Reps. Eagles, Kingsbury, and Solberg.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as the committee on Delayed Bills, which motion prevailed. The Speaker appointed Reps. Strinden, Kretschmar, Peterson, Backes, and Mushik.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of three be appointed to act as the Committee on Arrangements for House Committee Rooms, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed Reps. Wentz, Crabtree and Horgan.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as a Committee on Enrolled and Engrossed Bills, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed Reps. Richie, Retzer, Vig, Matchie and L. Hanson.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as a Committee on Employment, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed Reps. Martinson, Dietz, Gunderson, Hoffner and Opedahl.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as a Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed Reps. Reed, Gorder, Metz, E. Pomeroy and Sorum.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of nine be appointed to act as a Committee on House and Joint Rules, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed to that Committee Reps. R. Hausauer, Kretschmar, Peterson, Freborg, Strinden, Wagner, Backes, Mushik and B. Larson.

Rep. Strinden moved that a committee of three be appointed to act as a Committee on Photography, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed to the Committee on Photography Reps. Black, Mattson, and Heigaard.

Rep. Kretschmar moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee from the Senate, as an Inaugural Planning Committee, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed to that committee Reps. Eagles, Conmy and R. Meiers.

Committee from the Senate was received, which committee announced the Senate was now organized and ready to do business.

The Committee appointed to notify the Governor and the Senate that the House was organized and ready to carry on its constitutional functions announced it had completed its work, and the committee was subsequently discharged.

Rep. Strinden moved that the House be at ease to receive the Governor and the Senate in joint session, which motion prevailed. The Speaker then appointed Rep. Timm and Sen. Redlin, and the Lt. Governor was escorted to the rostrum.

#### JOINT SESSION

Lt. Governor Sanstead called the Joint Session to order.

Rep. Strinden moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the Hon. Arthur A. Link, Governor of the State of North Dakota, to the rostrum, which motion prevailed. Lt. Governor Sanstead then appointed Reps. Haugland, Murphy and Solberg.

Gov. Arthur A. Link was then escorted to the rostrum, and was introduced to the Joint Session.

#### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

TO

#### ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION 47TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

"Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Clerk, Staff of the Desk, and members of this Joint 47th Legislative Assembly:

"It is indeed a privilege and honor to be in your midst and to

participate in the opening formalities of this organizational session. Those of you who served before we had the advantages of this pre-session organizational meeting fully recognize and appreciate the value of this short, but very important, pre-session meeting of the Legislature.

"The people of North Dakota, through their approval of a constitutional amendment, provide this pre-session meeting as an organizational opportunity to elect your leadership and prepare for the 47th legislative assembly convening in January. At this time of legislative preparation, it is my privilege to congratulate and welcome each of you, those members returning to these halls and those members newly elected.

The 47th Legislative assembly, like preceding assemblies, is charged to accomplish and implement those changes vital to the health and general well-being of our state and its people. The purpose is to keep our laws and institutions in step with the progress and needs of our people. This is not a task to take lightly. Bad laws weaken the good laws and useless laws undermine the needed laws. Each law tests our vision and our discipline. 'The Law,' as described by Samuel Johnson, 'is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public.' The people of North Dakota have mandated that every two years the legislature assemble to reach into your hearts and minds for that last measure of human wisdom for all our benefit. The future condition of our lives and state will testify to your work.

During this legislative session, you will be asked to find new solutions to old problems, good solutions for the new problems, and anticipate the future problems. You will be required to identify priorities and secure the maximum amount of government service per tax dollar.

This must be done with a look to the future with an emphasis on long-term remedies rather than short-term relief, this requires a special dedication and a special conviction to standards of personal, professional, and public excellence. Your constituents believe you have the ability and determination to meet these standards. I welcome you and wish you a productive 47th legislative assembly."

Sen. Nothing moved that the remarks of the Governor be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Strinden moved that the joint session of the House and Senate be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

The House reconvened for announcements.

Rep. Strinden moved that the House stand adjourned until 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 3, 1980, which motion prevailed.

ROY GILBREATH, Chief Clerk