

**Third Day of
Legislative Organizational Session**

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The House convened at 9:30 a.m., with Speaker Peterson presiding.

The roll was called, and all members were present except Reps. Kingsbury, Martin, Martinson, Nicholas, G. Pomeroy and Wentz.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: Your Procedural Committee on Arrangements for House Committee Rooms has met, has examined potential meeting rooms and other space, and makes the following recommendations:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ROOM ASSIGNMENT

1981 Session

Committee:	Meeting Days:	Suggested Room Assignment:
Appropriations	M,T,W,Th,F	Former Cafeteria (main room)
Industry, Business & Labor	M,T,W	G-5&6
Education	M,T,W	Blue Room
Finance & Taxation	M,T,W	G-1
Judiciary	M,T,W	East House Balcony (Room 209)
State and Federal Government	M,T,W	West House Balcony (Room 208)
Social Services and Veterans Affairs	Th,F	G-5&6
Natural Resources	Th,F	Blue Room
Transportation	Th,F	G-1
Political Subdivisions	Th,F	East House Balcony (Room 209)
Agriculture	Th,F	West House Balcony (Room 208)

REP. JANET WENTZ, Chairman

Rep. Crabtree moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

Rep. Strinden moved that the House stand at ease until 10:00 a.m., which motion prevailed.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session convened with Lt. Governor Sanstead presiding. State Budget Officer Darrell Ohlhauser addressed the Session on "Where Our Money Comes From and Where It Goes." Director of the Coal Impact Office August Keller addressed the Session.

Rep. Strinden moved that the Joint Session of the North Dakota House and Senate be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Strinden moved that the House stand at recess until 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

The House reconvened with Speaker Peterson presiding.

REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: Your Procedural Committee on Rules, appointed to recommend legislative rules, has had the same under consideration and recommends that the House and Joint Rules of the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly as follows be adopted as the permanent rules:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The House rules are hereby amended, rearranged, and renumbered to read as follows:

CHAPTER I. ORGANIZATION AND CONVENING1- 101. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the House shall begin at the hour ~~to which it shall have adjourned~~ fixed at its last sitting, but if no hour were fixed at such sitting, then at 2:00 p.m., when the Speaker shall take the chair and call the House to order. After prayer by the chaplain, the roll of members shall be called and the names of the absentees entered upon the journal of the House. If a quorum ~~be~~ is present, the Speaker shall ~~then~~ proceed with the regular order of business.

2- 102. ABSENTEES

No member or officer of the House, unless he or she ~~from illness or other cause, shall be~~ is unable to attend due to illness or other cause, shall ~~be~~ be absent ~~himself or herself~~ from a session of the House, during an entire day, without first having obtained leave ~~of absence~~ from the Speaker, and no one shall be entitled to draw pay while absent more than one day without leave.

3- 103. QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of ~~members elected to~~ the members-elect

of the House, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may compel the attendance of absent members.

~~84~~ 104. LEGISLATIVE DAY

Each legislative day shall begin at 7:00 a.m., but the sessions of the House shall begin as provided in House Rule ~~±~~ 101. No legislative day shall be shorter than the natural day.

CHAPTER II. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

~~7~~ 201. DUTIES OF SPEAKER

~~a~~ a. The Speaker shall preside:

1. Preside over the House, and be charged with all the powers and duties pertaining to ~~such the~~ position of presiding officer.

~~b~~ 2. ~~He shall preserve~~ Preserve order and decorum, and in case of disorderly conduct or disturbance in the galleries or the corridors, he or the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may order the same to be cleared.

~~e~~ 3. ~~He shall appoint~~ Appoint all House committees, except when otherwise provided by vote of the House.

~~d~~ 4. ~~He shall sign~~ Sign all acts, addresses, resolutions, ~~memorials,~~ writs, warrants, and subpoenas of, or issued by order of the House and, while the Legislative Assembly is in session, all vouchers for the payment of money out of the ~~legislative-expense-fund-of-the-House~~ appropriation for the Legislative Assembly.

~~e~~ 5. ~~He shall have~~ Have general supervision over all House employees.

~~79~~ 202. MEMBER TO PRESIDE IN PLACE OF SPEAKER

The Speaker may leave the chair and appoint a member

to preside, but not for a longer time than one day, except by leave of the house.

8- 203. DUTIES OF CHIEF CLERK

The Chief Clerk of the House shall:

- a- 1. Keep correct journals of the proceedings of the House.
- b- 2. Have the custody of all records, accounts, and other papers committed to him.
- e- 3. Prepare a bulletin board upon which shall be posted a list of committee meetings and any other announcements or notices.
- d- 4. Prepare a short orientation program for House employees which shall be carried on within the first ten days of each session.
- e- 5. ~~Neither the Chief Clerk nor his assistants shall permit any~~ Keep secure all records ~~or and~~ papers belonging to the House ~~to be taken out of their custody otherwise than in the regular course of business.~~ The Chief Clerk shall report all missing bills, resolutions, and papers to the Speaker, ~~he.~~ He shall have general supervision of all clerical duties appertaining to the business of the House, ~~he.~~ He shall perform under the direction of the Speaker all duties pertaining to the office, and shall also keep a book showing the situation and progress of all the bills, memorials, and ~~joint~~ resolutions, including a complete record of all actions taken thereon ~~and.~~ He shall prepare, ~~have printed, and distributed to the members a~~ and present to the Legislative Council such information as is necessary for the preparation of the daily calendar detailing to reflect the action had

taken and pending on all measures, and shall provide for the distribution of the completed calendars.

~~f-----At the close of each session, he shall deposit for safekeeping in the office of the Secretary of State, all books, bills, documents, resolutions, and papers in the possession of the House, correctly labeled, folded, and classified. The journal need not be deposited until it is completed fully and is indexed.~~

~~g-----Perform such other duties as shall be assigned him by the House.~~

h- 6. Make available identification badges for all members of the House and employees thereof as soon as such persons have been determined.

~~i-~~ 7. Ensure that all material which is to be distributed to the members' desks other than that which is personally addressed shall first be submitted to the Chief Clerk, who shall supervise its distribution. No material shall be distributed unless it clearly identifies the party requesting the distribution. The Chief Clerk shall have all properly identified material distributed or submit the same to the House majority and House minority ~~file~~ leaders for their instructions.

8. Request from the Secretary of State a list of all currently registered lobbyists, and have a copy of that list printed in the journal on the thirty-fifth legislative day.

9. At the close of each session, deposit for safekeeping in the office of the Secretary of State, all books, bills, documents, resolutions,

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and papers in the possession of the House, correctly labeled, folded, and classified. The journal need not be deposited until it is completed.

10. Perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Speaker.

5- 204. REFERENCE-TO PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE JOURNAL

1. The Chief Clerk shall each evening deliver to the printer having the contract for printing the legislative journals a complete copy of the House journal.
2. Printed copies of the same in number, style, and on such grade of paper as may be determined by the Legislative Council shall be delivered before 9:00 a.m. of the following calendar day to the Chief Clerk, who shall cause a copy of the same to be placed immediately on the desk of each member.
3. The Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal shall before the ~~beginning-of-the-next~~ legislative-day House goes into session again, carefully examine and review the ~~same~~ journal of the previous legislative day. Any ~~mistake~~ therein errors or omissions shall be noted by the committee and reported to the House for action.
4. An additional two hundred fifty copies of the corrected daily journal shall be printed and upon termination of the legislative session, these two hundred fifty copies of the corrected daily journal shall be assembled into two hundred fifty sets to serve as the permanent journals.
5. Twenty-five sets of the permanent journals shall

be bound and sewed with hard covers, two sets of which shall be deposited and filed with the Secretary of State, who shall preserve the same and attach his certificate thereto showing the date of delivery ~~to him~~ and attesting that such copies are identical and official journals as delivered to him. The Secretary of State shall forward one of these twenty-five sets of the permanent journals to the Supreme Court Library, Law School Library at the University of North Dakota, Attorney General, Legislative Council, and each of the district judges.

6. The remaining sets of the journal shall be distributed by the Secretary of State as prescribed by the Legislative Council, except that one set of the journal shall be sent to members of the Legislative Assembly, and to public officials upon their request if in the discretion of the Secretary of State the public official needs such journals to carry on the functions of his office.

9+ 205. DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

1. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, under the direction of the presiding officer, shall be the executive officer of the body for the enforcement of all rules adopted by the House for the regulation of the House.
2. The House floor shall be under his immediate supervision, and he shall see that the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms perform the duties to which they are especially assigned, and he shall perform all other services and duties pertaining to his office and as

directed by the Speaker of the House.

3. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear the floor of the House chamber in front of the railing of all ~~unauthorized~~ persons, except legislators, legislative employees, and members of the press, during the time period commencing ~~fifteen~~ thirty minutes before the House convenes on any legislative day until the House recesses for that calendar day.

4. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall also act as the supply clerk for the House, and shall be responsible for ~~the~~ ordering and distributing of supplies and stationery needed by House members and House employees. The Sergeant-At-Arms may maintain a supply room, if space is available, and shall have sole control over such supply room, provided that such supply room may be operated jointly in cooperation with the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms.

86- 206. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following offices and employee positions shall be established and the number, title, and manner of selection for each position shall be as hereinafter indicated or stated:

Title of Position Number of Positions

Group A

- Chief Clerk 1
- Desk Reporter 1
- Sergeant-at-Arms 1

Persons holding Group A positions shall be elected ~~thereto~~ by a majority of the members-elect and the vote shall be recorded in the journal.

Group B

- Assistant Chief Clerk 1

Bill Clerk 1
 Chief Stenographer and Payroll Clerk 1
 Chief Committee Clerk 1
 Appropriations Committee Clerk 1
 Assistant Appropriations Committee Clerk 1
 Committee Clerks 9
 Assistant Committee Clerks 2
~~Calendar-Clerk-.....1~~
 Chief Page 1
 Desk Pages 2 3

Persons holding Group B positions shall be appointed ~~therete~~ by the party having a majority of the members-elect acting by and through the Committee on Employment.

Group C

Secretary to the Speaker 1
 Secretary to Majority ~~Floor~~ Leader 1
 Secretary to Minority ~~Floor~~ Leader 1

The Speaker and the Majority and Minority ~~Floor~~ Leaders shall appoint their respective secretaries to such position, acting by and through the Committee on Employment.

Group-D

~~Deputy-Sergeant-at-Arms-.....1~~
~~Assistant-Sergeants-at-Arms-.....5~~
~~Bill-Room-Clerks-.....4~~
~~Journal-Room-Clerks-.....2~~
~~Stenographers-.....5~~
~~Typists-.....2~~
~~Pages-and-Bill-Book-Clerks-.....15~~
~~Telephone-Page-.....1~~
~~Telephone-Attendants-.....3~~

~~(One-selected-by-the-body-which-selects-the-Chief-Telephone Attendant-and-three-by-the-other-house-)~~

~~Information-Desk-Attendant-.....1~~

~~Parking-Lot-Attendant-----1~~
~~Journal-Proofreaders-----2~~
~~Chief-Journal-Room-Clerk-----1~~
 (Alternate-Selection-by-House-and-Senate)

~~The-employee-positions-of-Group-D~~ Other employees
shall be appointed as deemed necessary by the Committee on
Employment and shall be allocated to the majority and minority
 parties in proportion to each party's percentage of the total
 number of the members-elect and each party shall appoint the
 persons to the positions allocated to them, acting by and
 through the Committee on Employment except, however, that in
 allocating the positions of stenographers and typists the
 minority party shall be allocated not less than one each of
 these positions. The majority party shall have the first right
 to select those positions of this group until their allocation
 is filled.

The powers, duties, and qualifications for each
 officer or employee shall be as provided by law, these rules,
 and the Legislative Handbook for North Dakota Legislators and
 Employees ~~for such positions~~.

CHAPTER III. FLOOR PROCEDURES

4- 301. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Prayer by the Chaplain.
2. Calling the Roll.
3. Reference to the Journal.
4. Presentation of Petitions and Communications.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Consideration of Amendments.
7. Reports of Select Committees, Procedural
Committees, and Certain Divided Committee
Reports.
8. Motions and Resolutions.

9. First Reading of House Bills~~7-Memorials~~7, and Resolutions.
10. Consideration of Bills and Resolutions on Consent Calendar.
11. Second Reading of House Bills~~7-Memorials~~7, and Resolutions.
12. Consideration of Messages from the Senate.
13. First Reading of Senate Bills~~7-Memorials~~7, and Resolutions.
14. Second Reading of Same.
15. Consideration of General Orders.
16. Unfinished Business.
17. Signing of Bills~~7-Memorials~~7, and Resolutions.
18. Announcements.

6- 302. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petitions and communications addressed to the House or to the Speaker, shall be presented by the Speaker under the fourth order of business, but ~~their content~~ petitions and communications shall not be ~~included~~ printed in the journal except ~~by vote~~ on motion of the House.

±0- 303. CALL OF HOUSE

1. Thirty-two members of the House may ~~order~~ cause a call of the House to be ordered and ~~cause~~ absent members to be sent for, but a call must not be ~~made~~ ordered while a vote is being taken.
2. The call being ~~moved~~ requested, the Speaker shall require those desiring the call to rise, and if thirty-two or more members ~~shall~~ rise, the call shall be ordered.
3. The call being ordered, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall close the door and allow no members to leave the ~~room~~ chambers.
4. The Clerk shall then call the roll and furnish

the Sergeant-at-Arms with a list of those members absent without leave, and that officer must proceed forthwith to find and bring in such absentees.

5. While the House is under call, no business can be transacted except to receive and act upon the report of the Sergeant-at-Arms and no motion is in order except a motion to suspend further proceedings under the call, and said motion shall not be adopted unless a majority of all members-elect vote in favor thereof.

6. Upon a report of the Sergeant-at-Arms showing that all members who were absent without leave, naming them, are present, the call shall be at an end, and the door shall be opened, and the House shall proceed with the business pending at the time the call was made.

~~117~~ 304. ORDER AND DECORUM

The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the House. When the Speaker is putting the question, no member shall walk out, or across the House, nor when a member is speaking, shall any person entertain any private discourse, or pass between the person speaking and the chair. A member called to order must immediately sit down unless permitted to explain, and the House, if appealed to, must decide the case. If there ~~be~~ is no appeal, the decision of the chair shall stand. On appeal, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House. When a member is called to order for offensive language, there shall be no debate.

~~127~~ 305. RECOGNITION BY THE SPEAKER

Every member, ~~previous-to-his-speaking,~~ desiring to speak shall rise ~~from-his-seat~~ and respectfully address the

Speaker ~~as-such~~, and shall remain standing in his place before proceeding to speak, until he is recognized by the chair. When two or more members rise at the same time to speak, the Speaker must designate the member who is to speak first, but in all other cases the member who shall rise first and address the chair shall be first recognized.

~~13-~~ 306. RULES OF DEBATE

No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak on the subject pending shall have spoken. No member shall speak for more than ten minutes the first time, nor more than five minutes the second time. This rule shall not apply to Majority and Minority ~~Floor~~ Leaders and the chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, or a spokesman designated by that chairman.

~~14-~~ 307. MOTION TO BE SECONDED AND STATED

No motion shall be stated by the chair or debated ~~or put~~ unless ~~the-same-be~~ it has been seconded. It must then be stated by the Speaker before the debate.

~~15-~~ 308. MOTIONS IN WRITING

All motions except to adjourn, postpone, or ~~commit~~ shall refer must be reduced to writing and read at length if required by any member of the House.

~~16-~~ 309. MOTION MAY BE WITHDRAWN

After ~~the~~ a motion ~~has-been~~ is stated by the Speaker, it ~~shall-be-deemed-to-be~~ is in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before amendment or decision, ~~but~~. However, all motions, ~~resolutions, or amendments~~ must be entered in the journal, whether rejected or adopted, together with the name of the member moving the same.

~~17-~~ 310. INTERRUPTION

No member shall interrupt another member who is speaking in debate, except on question of privilege.

~~18-~~ 311. ORDER OF MOTION

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to fix the time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to lay on the table; to move the previous ~~questions~~ question (which four motions shall be decided without debate); to move to postpone to a day certain; to ~~commit~~ refer, amend, or place in general orders; or to postpone indefinitely - which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. No motion to postpone to a day certain, to ~~commit~~ refer, or place in general orders, having been decided, shall be entertained again on the same day ~~and-at-the-same stage-of-the-bill-or-proposition.~~

~~19-~~ 312. ORDER IN WHICH QUESTION PUT

All questions, whether in committee or in the House, shall be put in the order in which they are moved, except in the case of privileged questions. ~~In-filling-blanks-the largest-sum-and-the-longest-time-shall-be-put-first.~~

~~20-~~ 313. STATING OF QUESTION AND VERIFICATION

Questions shall be put in substantially the following form: "As many as are in favor of (as the case may be), say aye"; and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are opposed, say ~~No~~ nay." If the Speaker is in doubt or verification is requested by any member, the Speaker shall again put the question and the vote shall be tabulated. The Speaker will use only the total ayes and nays to determine if the question prevailed. The fact that the question prevailed or failed shall be entered in the journal without mention of the number of ayes or nays.

~~21-~~ 314. NONDEBATABLE MOTIONS

The following motions are not debatable:

1. Adjournment.
2. Clincher.
3. Fix the time of adjournment.

4. Order of the day.
5. Objections to considering questions.
6. Reading of papers.
7. Withdrawal of motion.
8. Suspension of the rules.
9. To lay on the table.
10. Previous question.

227.--PREVIOUS-QUESTION

~~The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?"--it shall be admitted only when demanded by two-thirds of the members present, and its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the House to a direct vote upon the amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon the pending amendments and then upon the main question.--On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the House shall be in order, but after a two-thirds shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to decision of the main question.--When the previous question is decided in the negative it shall leave the main question under debate for the remainder of the sitting unless disposed of in some other manner.--All incidental questions of order arising after motion is made for the previous question, during the pendency of such motion, or after the House shall have determined that the main question shall be now put, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.~~

315. VOTES REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN QUESTIONS

1. The following questions require a majority vote of the members of the House present and voting:
 - a. Adoption of amendments, as provided in House Rule 601.
 - b. Order to a chairman to report a measure back from committee, as provided in House Rule

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- c. Action, other than referrals or rereferrals to Appropriations Committee on certain measures, as authorized in House Rule 326.
 - d. To have Speaker refuse to sign any bill which the Senate refuses to return, as provided in House Rule 343.
 - e. Any question for which another vote is not required by the Constitution or another rule.
2. The following questions require a majority vote of the members-elect of the House:
- a. Passage of bills, as provided in Section 39, Article IV, of the Constitution and House Rule 333.
 - b. Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as provided in House Rule 333.
 - c. Passage of proposed amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota, as provided in Section 45, Article IV, of the Constitution.
 - d. To constitute a quorum, as provided in House Rule 103.
 - e. Suspension of further proceedings under a call of the House, as provided in House Rule 303.
 - f. Election of certain House employees, as provided in House Rule 206.
 - g. Reconsideration if before end of next legislative day, as provided in House Rule 341.
3. The following questions require a two-thirds vote of the members of the House present and voting

which two-thirds shall in no event constitute fewer than a majority of the members-elect of the House:

- a. Emergency clauses, as provided in Section 41, Article IV, of the Constitution.
 - b. Introduction of bills after deadline, as provided in House Rule 402.
 - c. Previous question.
 - d. Return of measures to other house after action taken, as provided in Joint Rule 204.
4. The following questions require a two-thirds vote of the members-elect of the House:
- a. Initiated and referred measures amended or repealed within seven years after enactment or approval, as provided in Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution and House Rule 333.
 - b. Reconsideration after clincher motion, as provided in House Rule 342.
 - c. Reconsideration after next legislative day, as provided in House Rule 341.
 - d. Second reading same day as report, as provided in House Rule 332.
 - e. Suspension of requirement copies of amendments be distributed before acted upon, as provided in House Rule 601.
 - f. Suspension of rules, as provided in House Rule 321.
 - g. Vetoed measures, reconsideration, as provided in Section 9, Article IV, of the Constitution.
5. The following questions require the unanimous consent of the members of the House:

- a. Suspension of the rules and passage of a bill neither printed nor heard by a committee, as provided in House Rule 321.
- b. Reconsideration or suspension of a standing rule or order requiring unanimous consent, as provided in House Rule 321.
- c. Amendment of measures on second reading except to amend the title, as provided in House Rule 328.

~~23-~~ 316. DIVISION OF QUESTION

If a question before the House contains more than one proposition, any member may have the same divided, except there shall be no division of the question ~~by-the-house-of~~ on a conference committee report.

~~24-~~ 317. AYE OR NAY VOTE

Except as required by the Constitution or these rules, the ayes and nays shall not be ordered unless demanded by one-sixth of the members present. No person shall remain by the Clerk's desk when ayes and nays are being called. When the ayes and nays are ordered pursuant to this rule, the results will be printed in the journal in their entirety.

~~25-~~ 318. VOTE BY MEMBERS

Every member who is present, before the vote is declared from the chair, must vote for or against the question before the House, unless the House ~~excuse~~ excuses him; provided, however, that any member who has a personal or private interest in any measure or bill shall disclose the fact to the House and shall not vote thereon without the consent of the House pursuant to Section 21, Article IV, of the Constitution. A "personal or private interest" is an interest that affects the member directly, individually, uniquely, and substantially.

~~26-~~ 319. PROCEDURE IN EXCUSING MEMBER FROM VOTING

When a member asks to be excused, or declines to vote on-a-call-of-his-name, he shall be required to assign state his reason-therefor,-and-having-assigned-it,-the reasons. The Speaker shall then submit the question to the House, "Shall the member, for the reason-assigned reasons stated by him, be excused from voting?" which shall be decided without debate. ~~And-these~~ These proceedings shall ~~be-had-after-the-vote-has-been-taken-and-before-the-chair-has-announced-the-vote,-and-further-proceedings-in-reference-thereto-shall-be-after-such-announcement~~ occur prior to the taking of the vote.

~~27-~~ 320. VOTE BY SPEAKER

The Speaker shall vote on all questions taken by ayes and nays (except on appeals from the Speaker's decision) and in all elections or decisions called for by any member.

~~28-~~ 321. SUSPENSION OF RULES

No standing rule or order of the House shall be reconsidered or suspended except by a vote of two-thirds of the members-elect, and no motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill shall be entertained except by unanimous consent, unless the bill has first been printed and considered by a committee, nor shall any standing rule or order requiring unanimous consent be reconsidered or suspended without unanimous consent.

~~34-~~ 322. READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Every bill requiring the approval of the Governor, ~~every memorial~~, and every resolution proposing a change in the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, or ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, shall be read two separate times, but the first reading and second reading may not be ~~upon~~ on the same day; the first reading may be by title only, unless ~~upon-such~~ on first reading a reading at length is demanded. The second reading shall be at length.

35- 323. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

~~No resolution which commends, lauds, congratulates, or otherwise honors any person or group, other than memorial resolutions extending condolences, shall be introduced or further considered unless the person or group is being recognized for an achievement which has brought national attention or recognition.~~ Every resolution other than those referred to in ~~the previous sentence or the preceding rule~~ Rules 322 or 407 shall be read once and referred by the Speaker to an appropriate standing committee or, upon motion, to a select committee, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the House.

36- 324. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

Upon the first reading of a bill or concurrent resolution, the Speaker shall refer it to an appropriate standing committee, unless the House, upon by motion, decides to refer ~~the same~~ it to a select or other standing committee, or to the Committee of the Whole. If the bill or resolution is referred to the Committee of the Whole, ~~then~~ it shall come up for consideration under the general order of the next day, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

37- 325. REFERENCE TO BILLS IN JOURNAL

~~After the first and second reading, all~~ All references in the journal to House and Senate bills shall be made by number only, except that on first and second readings such references shall be by number and short title.

39- 326. BILLS TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

1. All bills or resolutions carrying an appropriation of five thousand dollars or more shall be referred or rereferred to and acted upon by the Committee on Appropriations before final action by the House thereon, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the members

present.

2. All House bills required to be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations, except bills introduced after the deadline for introduction of bills by the Committee on Delayed Bills or upon two-thirds vote of the House, shall be rereferred not later than the twenty-third legislative day. If an appropriation bill is not reported to the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill shall be deemed rereferred and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Appropriations at the end of the twenty-third legislative day.

50+ 327. AMENDING AMENDED BILLS

No bill shall be revised or amended, nor the provisions thereof extended or incorporated in any other bill, by reference to its title only, but ~~so-much-thereof-as-is~~ the portion revised, amended, ~~or~~ extended, or ~~so~~ incorporated, shall be ~~reenacted-and-published~~ set out at length and reenacted. No bill shall be ~~so-altered-and~~ amended during its pendency in the House so as to change its original purpose.

51+ 328. AMENDMENT AMEND OR REREFER ON SECOND READING

No amendment to a bill or resolution, other than one to amend the title, shall be ~~received~~ considered on the second reading, ~~except-to-fill-blanks-or-to-amend-the-title~~, without unanimous consent of the House, but all bills and resolutions may be ~~committed~~ rereferred to committee at any time previous to their passage.

52+ 329. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE

The title to any bill may be amended at any time during its pendency in the House.

53+ 330. ENGROSSMENT

All House bills amended in committee or in general orders shall be properly engrossed before their second reading

and final passage. Any Senate bill amended in the House may, prior to second reading, be engrossed on motion of the House or upon request of a leader. The Committee on Engrossment shall examine all bills after they are engrossed, and report the same to the House correctly engrossed, which report must be approved before their second reading, ~~said~~. The committee may report at any time.

331. SETTING TIME CERTAIN FOR FLOOR DEBATE

If a committee chairman determines that a bill or resolution considered by his or her committee presents important issues of public concern, the chairman may, after consultation with and approval of the Speaker and the Majority and Minority Leaders, set a time certain for floor debate on the bill or resolution when it has been placed on the calendar for consideration during the eleventh or fourteenth orders of business. The committee chairman shall request the Speaker to set an exact time when the bill will be debated, and when that time is reached, the Speaker shall hold any other matters pending at that time in abeyance until such time as the scheduled floor debate has been completed.

~~54-~~ 332. SECOND READING

No bill requiring the approval of the Governor, ~~no memorial,~~ and no resolution proposing a change in the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, ~~or~~ and no resolution ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, shall be referred, except in the case of a bill or resolution which is prefiled pursuant to Rule 29 401, or amended until it shall have been read; nor shall any such bill, ~~memorial,~~ or resolution have its second reading and ~~be put upon~~ its final passage until at least one day after ~~the same~~ it has been reported to the House by the committee to which ~~the same~~ has been it was referred, provided that any such bill,

~~memorial~~, or resolution may have its second reading, and ~~be put~~
~~upon its~~ final passage on the same day it was is reported back,
 when so ordered by two-thirds of the ~~members~~ members-elect of
 the House ~~present~~.

56- 333. FINAL PASSAGE

No bill shall become a law except by a vote of the
 majority of the members-elect of each house; however, the
 Lieutenant Governor may vote as provided in Senate Rule 26 320
 in the event the Senate is equally divided, ~~nor unless on the~~
~~bill's~~. A bill shall not become law unless on final passage
 the vote ~~be~~ is taken by ~~eyes-and-nays~~ roll call and the names
 of those voting ~~be~~, with a record of their vote, are entered in
 the journal. ~~However, no~~ No measure enacted or approved by a
 vote of the electors shall be repealed or amended by the
 legislative assembly for seven years from ~~its~~ the effective
 date of the measure, except by a two-thirds roll call vote ~~upon~~
~~roll-call~~ of all members elected to each house. Ratification
 of amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall be
 by concurrent resolution approved by a majority, upon roll call
 vote, of the members elected to each house, except as provided
 in Senate Rule 26 320.

56-~~1~~-334. RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTES

No action by the House which may result in final
 disposition of a bill, or resolution proposing a constitutional
 amendment, shall be taken except by a recorded roll call vote,
 and the vote of each member, or a record of his absence or
 failure to vote, shall be recorded in the journal. As used in
 this rule, "final disposition" includes any procedure which,
 barring reconsideration, results in the House being unable to
 give further consideration during that legislative session to
 the particular measure which was under consideration.

57- 335. RIGHT TO CHANGE VOTE

A member shall have the right to change his vote

before the Speaker has announced that the vote is closed but not thereafter.

58- 336. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE

The Chief Clerk shall tabulate the vote which shall be announced by the Speaker, who shall also declare whether the bill has passed, whether the title is agreed to, and whether the emergency clause, if any, has carried.

59- 337. VERIFICATION OF VOTE

When the vote has been so announced, any member may immediately require that the vote be verified.

60- 338. EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Immediately following the announcement of the vote by the Speaker, but not before, any member may explain his vote and have his remarks recorded in the journal.

61- 339. RECORDING REMARKS IN JOURNAL

When a member desires to have his remarks, other than those in explanation of his vote, recorded in the journal, he shall inform the Desk Reporter before speaking and his remarks shall be recorded.

62- 340. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RECONSIDER

Except on the thirty-third and on or after the fiftieth legislative days of the session, when notice ~~is~~ of intention to move the reconsideration of any bill or ~~joint~~ resolution shall be given by a member, the Clerk of the House shall retain the ~~said~~ bill or ~~joint~~ resolution until the end of the next legislative day, ~~excluding-Sundays,~~ unless the same has previously been disposed of. When a member, in explaining his vote, states to the House that his vote is for the purpose of reconsideration, such statement shall be deemed to be notice of such intention.

63- 341. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any member who votes on the prevailing side of a

question, ("prevailing side of a question" shall be that side which voted "aye" on a question that passed, and "nay" on a question that failed), or who did not vote on the question, or who voted on a question on which the ayes and nays were not recorded, may move a reconsideration of the question, which motion shall be decided by a majority vote of the members-elect. In case of a bill, ~~joint~~ resolution, or amendment to the Constitution, the motion to reconsider, if made after the end of the next legislative day, shall require a two-thirds vote of the members-elect. No question shall be reconsidered more than once in any natural day. No motion to reconsider may be made unless the matter is in possession of the House.

64- 342. CLINCHER MOTION

A motion that any action taken by the House be reconsidered and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon on the table, if carried, shall have the effect of preventing reconsideration except upon a two-thirds vote of the members-elect. Such a motion shall be decided without debate.

65- 343. REFUSAL OF SENATE TO RETURN BILL

Upon a majority vote of the members of the House present, the Speaker shall refuse to sign any bill which may have passed the House and which the Senate ~~shall-have~~ has refused to return for further consideration ~~on-being-properly requested~~ after a proper request to do so.

67- 344. SIGNING OF BILLS

The Speaker shall ~~in-the-presence-of-the-House,~~ sign all bills and ~~joint~~ resolutions passed by both houses. ~~Immediately-before-such-signing-the-title-shall-be-publicly read,-and-the-fact-of-signing-shall-be-at-once-announced-and entered-in-the-journal-~~

Miscellaneous-Rules

73- 345. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is addressing the chair or a vote is being taken.

74- 346. MEMBERS RETAIN SEATS

When the House adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the Speaker announces the adjournment.

75- 347. PROCEDURE ON SENATE BILLS

A similar mode of procedure shall be observed with bills which have originated in and passed the Senate as with bills which have originated in the House, ~~except that they shall not be printed nor engrossed nor enrolled.~~ The printing or engrossing of those bills may be ordered as provided in these rules.

83- 348. OBJECTION TO READING OF PAPERS

When the reading of a paper is ~~called for and the same is objected to~~ requested and there is an objection by any member, ~~if the objection shall be determined upheld or rejected~~ by the House without debate.

82- 349. ELECTRICAL VOTING SYSTEM

Unless otherwise ordered, any vote ~~except upon elections~~ may be taken by means of the electrical voting system, which shall be under the control of the Speaker ~~of the House.~~

99-~~1-~~350. DETERMINATION OF SENIORITY SEATING IN HOUSE CHAMBERS

1. Seniority shall be measured by the total number of years a member has served in the Legislative Assembly, regardless of continuity of terms of office, and shall include service in the Senate. Seating of members shall be in the following order by district delegation:
 - a. Past Speakers in the order of seniority.
 - b. The Speaker.
 - c. The Majority ~~Floor~~ Leader.
 - d. The Minority ~~Floor~~ Leader.

- e. The Assistant Majority ~~Floor~~ Leader.
- f. The Assistant Minority ~~Floor~~ Leader.
- g. The remaining delegations being seated in order of seniority of each delegation's most senior member.

The Speaker may also permit extra seats on the floor of the House chambers to be utilized by members of the press, and may reserve certain seats for that purpose.

- 2. When two or more members have exactly the same seniority as determined pursuant to the first sentence of this rule, seating among those delegations shall be in chronological order based upon the number of the district represented by each delegation.

~~3.---In-making-committee-assignments-pursuant-to Rules-7-and-407-the-Speaker-shall-first-consider the-best-interests-of-North-Dakota7-and-a member's-individual-committee-assignment preference-shall-be-given-second-consideration-4.---In-making-appointments-of-committee-chairmen and-vice-chairmen7-the-Speaker-shall-give-no-less weight-to-ability7-knowledge-of-subject-matter7 and-experience-than-he-gives-to-seniority.~~

NOTE: Subsections 3 and 4 now constitute House Rule 512.

78+ 351. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS LIMITED - COURTESY OF THE HOUSE

Introduction of guests in the House of Representatives shall be limited to those persons called upon to address that body and former members of the Legislative Assembly. No person shall be admitted to the floor of the House except state officers; judges of the Supreme Court and

district courts; present and former members of Congress; present and former members of the Legislative Assembly; present officers and officials; all employees of both houses of the Legislative Assembly; reporters for newspapers; and any other person granted admission by the Speaker. For the purposes of this rule, the floor of the House is hereby defined as all of the first floor of the House chamber in front of the railing.

~~807--SELECTION-OF-SEATS-(See-Rule-39-i)~~

~~Bills,-Memorials,-and-Resolutions~~

CHAPTER IV. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

~~29-~~ 401. WHO MAY INTRODUCE - JOINT SPONSORSHIP - PREFILING

- ~~a-~~ 1. Any bill,~~memorial,~~ or resolution which conforms to statutory requirements and the rules herein set forth, within the time prescribed, may be introduced by any member, standing committee, or the Legislative Council, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House, who shall number or letter consecutively each bill or resolution.
- ~~b-~~ 2. Any bill,~~memorial,~~ or resolution may have, following and separate from the names of the House of Representatives sponsor or sponsors, the names of one or more cosponsors from the Senate.
- ~~e-~~ 3. Any bill,~~memorial,~~ or resolution, may, prior to the convening of the regular session, be introduced by prefiling in the office of the Legislative Council. Such prefiled bills,~~memorials,~~ and resolutions will be numbered ~~or lettered~~ and delivered to the Clerk of the House. The Speaker of the House may assign such prefiled bills,~~memorials,~~ and resolutions to committee and may arrange, prior to the convening of the regular session, for the posting of notice of

hearing. Prefiled bills, ~~memorials~~, and resolutions may not be withdrawn, except on the floor of the House in the manner provided by the rules, and such bills, ~~memorials~~, ~~or~~ and resolutions shall not be confidential.

~~39-~~ 402. WHEN INTRODUCED

- a- 1. No bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth legislative day and no member shall introduce more than three bills as prime sponsor after the tenth legislative day, nor shall any resolution, except those resolutions hereinafter provided for, be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Committee on Delayed Bills or upon two-thirds vote of the House.
- b- 2. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court shall be introduced after ~~the-fifth-legislative-day~~ December fifteenth prior to the ensuing regular session, except upon approval of a majority of the Committee on Delayed Bills.
- e- 3. Resolutions which propose amendments to the United States Constitution or the Constitution of North Dakota, and resolutions directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study, shall not be introduced after the thirty-third legislative day, and shall be reported back from the standing committee, if referred, no later than the forty-fourth legislative day in the case of resolutions proposing constitutional amendments, and no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day in the case of resolutions directing a Legislative Council study. A

resolution proposing a constitutional amendment or directing a Legislative Council study which is not reported back as provided in this rule shall automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation.

31- 403. DELAYED BILLS, ~~MEMORIALS,~~ AND RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on the Introduction of Delayed Bills shall receive from the Chief Clerk all bills, ~~memorials,~~ and resolutions offered for introduction after the time for introduction as heretofore limited, and shall, on the same or the next legislative day after receiving such ~~bills, memorials,~~ and resolutions bill or resolution, report to the House its conclusion whether the introduction ~~thereof~~ of the bill or resolution should be allowed, and if a majority of ~~such the~~ the committee ~~is-in-favor-of-the~~ favours introduction ~~thereof, the~~ the bill or resolution shall be ~~thereupon-deemed-duly~~ introduced. All such bills, ~~memorials,~~ and resolutions shall bear the name or names of the original sponsors.

32- 404. FORM OF BILLS, NUMBER OF COPIES

- a- 1. Every bill, ~~memorial,~~ and resolution shall be in typewritten form and eleven copies thereof shall be filed with the Chief Clerk of the House.
- b- 2. Each bill, ~~memorial,~~ and resolution shall have ~~endorsed-thereon-its-title-and~~ typed on it the name of the member, or members, but no more than five from the House, nor more than three from each house on jointly sponsored bills, or committee introducing the same.
- e- 3. The enacting clause of a bill shall be as follows: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA".
- d- 4. No bill shall embrace more than one subject,

which shall be expressed in its title.

- e+ 5. If a bill amends a present statute, the portion thereof constituting the amendment or amendments shall be underscored. In all bills which contain both sections amending existing statutes and sections which will be new law, the portion containing the amendment to the existing statute and all of each section containing new law shall be underscored. Any matter contained in the present statute but deleted in the proposed amended statute shall be contained in the typewritten bill, but shall be set off from the remainder of the text by typing a line through the deleted matter. Where bills sponsored by the Legislative Council do not use the above devices, such bills must be accompanied by appropriate explanatory notations outlining the changes to be effected. All bills and resolutions to be introduced in the House shall be in such form and style as the Legislative Council shall prescribe.
- f+ 6. The Chief Clerk of the House, upon receiving eleven copies of a bill or resolution as provided by this rule, shall proceed as follows: (1) If the original copy of the bill or resolution has attached to it a notation that the bill or resolution was drafted, retyped, or approved as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff, the Chief Clerk shall number the bill or resolution as provided in House Rule 29 401 and, after first reading and referral, shall distribute the copies as provided in this rule; or (2) If the original copy of the bill does not have a notation of drafting, retyping, or

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approval as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff attached, the Chief Clerk shall proceed as provided in House Rule ~~33~~ 405.

~~g-~~ 7. The Chief Clerk shall, after compliance with this rule and after first reading, distribute the eleven copies of a bill or resolution received as follows: One of such copies shall be delivered to the chairman of the committee to which the measure is referred, one copy shall be delivered to the Speaker, one copy shall be delivered to the Legislative Council, one copy shall remain in the custody of the Chief Clerk until otherwise directed by the House, one copy shall, except in the case of bills or resolutions printed upon order of the Legislative Council pursuant to House Rule ~~36~~ 406, be delivered to the printer having the contract for printing of bills, one copy shall be delivered to the printer having the contract for printing the House journal for use in setting of the bill title, three copies shall be available for representatives of news media, one copy shall be available to the Greater North Dakota Association, and one copy shall be given to the prime sponsor.

~~h-~~ 8. The original of each bill or resolution filed with the Chief Clerk shall be ~~typed-on-preprinted bill-paper, which paper shall be prepared~~ in the form prescribed by the Legislative Council.

~~33-~~ 405. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AS TO FORM AND STYLE, ~~CHECK-FOR-CONFLICTS~~

1. When a bill or resolution, with the requisite number of copies, is filed with the Chief Clerk of the House without a notation attached to the

original stating that the bill or resolution was drafted, retyped, or approved as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff, the Chief Clerk shall immediately cause that bill or resolution to be delivered to the Legislative Council staff office with a written request that the bill or resolution be examined and receive a notation approving its form and style. ~~When a bill or resolution is offered to the Chief Clerk for filing, and that bill or resolution is not typed on preprinted bill paper as provided in House Rule 327, the Chief Clerk shall immediately return the bill or resolution to the member or Committee offering it with a request that it be retyped on the proper paper.~~

2. When the Legislative Council staff receives a bill or resolution from the Chief Clerk pursuant to this rule, it shall ~~take such steps as are necessary to ensure~~ see that the bill or resolution is in the form and style required by law, legislative rule, and the bill drafting rules promulgated by the Legislative Council. ~~The bill or resolution shall also be checked by the Legislative Council staff to determine whether it creates or amends any sections of the North Dakota Century Code or North Dakota Constitution which have also been created or amended by another bill previously introduced in either House of the Legislative Assembly. If such a conflict appears, the Legislative Council staff shall immediately notify the sponsor of the bill or resolution of the conflict, and shall confer with the sponsor as to the proper steps to~~

~~be-taken.~~

3. When the Legislative Council staff has ensured that the bill or resolution meets all requirements regarding form and style,~~and that the sponsor has been notified of any conflict,~~ the bill or resolution and all copies thereof shall be returned to the Chief Clerk with a notation of approval attached to the original.
4. In the event that the Legislative Council staff, due to the exercise of its responsibilities under this rule, is not able to deliver an approved bill or resolution to the Chief Clerk before expiration of the last legislative day for normal introduction, the Chief Clerk, whenever such an approved bill or resolution is received, shall proceed to file it as if it had been received on the final legislative day for normal introduction.

~~36.~~ 406. PRINTING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

All bills requiring the approval of the Governor, ~~all memorials and~~ all resolutions proposing a change in the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, ~~or~~ and all resolutions ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,~~after the first reading,~~ shall, after the first reading, be printed unless otherwise ordered by the House. Bills,~~memorials,~~ and resolutions which are prefiled pursuant to Rule ~~29~~ 401 may be printed upon order of the Legislative Council.

~~36.1.~~ ~~---PRINTING-AND-DISTRIBUTION-OF-BILLS~~

~~Seven-hundred-copies-of-each-bill,-and-five-hundred-copies-of-each-resolution-shall-be-printed,-unless-the-house-of-introduction-shall-order-a-greater-or-lesser-number-to-be printed.--Bill-room-employees,-under-the-supervision-of-the~~

Chief-Clerk, may, as time and physical space allow, set aside not more than five copies of each bill or resolution, or specified bills and resolutions, to be delivered to certain specified persons. -- Persons on an approved list to receive bills as of the first day of the regular session shall have priority for receiving bills and resolutions pursuant to this rule. -- This rule shall not apply to the staff of the Legislative Council which may have such number of bills set aside as are necessary to aid it in carrying on legislative business. -- Bill room employees shall not distribute more than five copies of any bill or resolution to any one person, except to legislators, legislative employees, and members of the Legislative Council staff.

407. LIMITATION ON COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

No resolution which commends, lauds, congratulates, or otherwise honors any person or group, other than memorial resolutions extending condolences, shall be introduced or further considered unless the person or group is being recognized for an achievement which has brought national attention or recognition.

CHAPTER V. COMMITTEES

407 501. STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees concerned with matters in the fields as indicated, shall be appointed as follows:

1. Appropriations, to consist of nineteen members.

All bills calling for appropriations in excess of five thousand dollars.

GROUP A-1

2. Education, to consist of sixteen members.

Public Schools; Libraries; and Institutions of Higher Learning.

3. Finance and Taxation, to consist of sixteen members.

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Public Debt; Taxes and Tax Laws.

4. Judiciary, to consist of fifteen members.
Elections and Election Privileges;
Judiciary.
 5. Industry, Business, and Labor, to consist of sixteen members.
Banks and Banking; Corporations; Insurance;
Matters pertaining to Private Business and
Industry; Workmen's Compensation;
Unemployment Compensation; Labor Laws and
kindred subjects.
 6. State and Federal Government, to consist of fifteen members.
State and Federal Affairs; Director of
Institutions and Industrial Commission and
Institutions under their supervision; State
Historical Society and State Parks;
Immigration and Statistics.
- GROUP A-2
7. Agriculture, to consist of fifteen members.
Agriculture; Livestock; Drainage and
Irrigation; Warehouse and Grain Grading.
 8. Natural Resources, to consist of sixteen members.
Game and Fish; Public Lands; Mines and
Mining; Gas and Oil; Forestry.
 9. Political Subdivisions, to consist of sixteen members.
Cities; Counties; Townships; Park Districts;
Apportionment.
 10. Social Services and Veterans Affairs, to consist of fifteen members.
Social Services; Public Health; Public
Safety; Temperance; Matters affecting the

Military and Veterans.

11. Transportation, to consist of sixteen members.
Highways and Bridges; Railroads; Motor
Vehicles; Airlines and Airports.

PROCEDURAL COMMITTEES

12. Delayed Bills, to consist of five members.
13. Employment, to consist of five members.
14. Enrolled and Engrossed Bills, to consist of five
members.
15. Revision and Correction of Journal, to consist of
five members.
16. Rules, to consist of nine members.

502. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

1. In all cases, a majority of the committee shall
constitute a quorum.
2. The committee chairman or ~~such person~~ the member
who is duly appointed to act as chairman shall
ensure that minutes of each committee meeting be
kept. Such minutes shall include the names of
all committee members present and absent; the
time of commencement and adjournment of each
meeting; the bills or resolutions discussed, designated
by number, and a short phrase
explaining what ~~each~~ the bill or resolution
relates to; and the names and addresses of all
persons who appear in relation to any certain
bill or resolution and a brief summary of their
remarks. The minutes shall also include a record
of recommended amendments to bills and
resolutions, and ~~may include~~ a recorded roll call
vote of the committee members on all bills and
resolutions referred out of the committee, ~~and~~
~~shall include a recorded roll call vote on demand~~

~~of-any-member.~~

3. Upon ~~final~~ adjournment of the legislative session, the minutes of all committee meetings shall be delivered to the Legislative Council and shall be retained by the Council for a period of not less than one year.

~~41-~~ 503. LIMITATIONS ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Each member shall serve on two standing committees, except the Speaker and the Majority and Minority Floor Leaders, who shall not serve on any standing committee, and all members of the Appropriations Committee, who shall serve on no other standing committee. No member of the House of Representatives shall be appointed to more than one committee in each of the Groups A-1 and A-2, ~~except that a member appointed to the Committee on Veterans Affairs shall also be appointed to one committee in each of Groups A-1 and A-2.~~

The Speaker and the Majority and Minority Floor Leaders shall be permitted to participate in all standing committees but shall not be permitted to vote therein.

~~42-~~ 504. MEETINGS OF ~~COMMITTEE~~ COMMITTEES

1. The ~~Appropriations~~ Committee on Appropriations shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.
2. The Committees on Finance and Taxation; Judiciary; Industry, Business, and Labor; Education; and State and Federal Government shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.
3. The Committees on Political Subdivisions; Social Services and Veterans Affairs; Transportation; Agriculture; and Natural Resources shall meet on Thursday and Friday of each week.
4. Any committees scheduled to meet on Wednesdays

may adjust their schedules to allow time for the Joint Constitutional Revision Committee and committees without regularly scheduled meeting times to meet.

5. The chairman of any committee, or a majority of that committee, may call meetings at times and on other days as deemed necessary.

43+ 505. MEETINGS OF CHAIRMEN

There shall be a meeting of committee chairmen ~~of the standing committees~~, the Majority Floor Leader, and the Speaker each week ~~on Thursday, subject to the call of the chairman, or at such other time as the chairman may designate~~ at such time and place as may be designated by the Majority Leader. The Majority Floor Leader shall serve as chairman. At such meeting they shall arrange the schedule of committee hearings to the end of the following week, and, so far as possible, shall determine the bills to be considered at such ~~hearing~~ hearings.

44+ 506. NOTICE OF HEARINGS

On ~~or before 2:00 p.m.~~ Wednesday of each week, with respect to committees which meet on Monday through Wednesday, ~~or~~ and on Friday of each week, with respect to the Appropriations Committee and those committees which meet on Thursday and Friday, each chairman shall deliver to the Chief Clerk ~~five copies of~~ a notice of the time and place of the meetings of his committee for the following week, including a list of the bills, ~~memorials~~, and resolutions to be considered. This rule, however, shall not prevent a change in such schedule as to time, place, or bill, if circumstances may so require. The decision of the chairman in this regard shall be final. The Clerk shall ~~read said notices to the House and post~~ cause the same to be posted on the bulletin board. ~~Three copies shall be given to the press, and one copy shall be delivered to the Legislative Council staff office.~~

45- 507. DISPOSITION OF MEASURES

No bill or resolution, except an appropriations measure, may be held in a committee for more than twenty-one legislative days after it is referred to the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the House. All House bills and resolutions, except resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitutions of the United States or North Dakota, or resolutions directing an interim study by the Legislative Council, shall be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-first legislative day, and if not so reported back, shall automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation. The same rule shall apply to Senate bills and resolutions not reported back to the House by the forty-eighth legislative day.

46- 508. RECALLING BILL FROM COMMITTEE

The chairman of any committee to whom a bill or resolution has been referred ~~shall~~, if so ordered, by a vote of the majority of the House members present, shall report such bill or resolution back to the House forthwith.

66- 509. ENROLLMENT

The Committee on Enrollment shall examine all House bills and resolutions which have passed both houses, and when reported correctly enrolled, and such report is adopted, they shall be presented to the presiding officers of the House and Senate for their signatures, and when so signed, bills shall be presented to the Governor for his approval. The committee may report at any time.

76- 510. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

On all committees, the first-named member shall be the chairman, and, in his absence ~~or-being-excused-by-the~~ House, the next member named, and so on as often as the case shall happen, shall act as chairman.

87- 511. SMOKING IN COMMITTEE ROOMS

There shall be no smoking in the committee rooms.

~~85. -- COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN~~

~~The Chairman of a standing committee must be notified by any person who intends to make use of a tape recorder or electronic recording device during the course of the committee hearing. -- The Committee Chairman shall then notify the members and witnesses that such device is being used.~~

512. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN

1. In making committee assignments pursuant to Rules 201 and 501, the Speaker shall first consider the best interests of North Dakota, and a member's individual committee assignment preference shall be given second consideration.
2. In making appointments of committee chairmen and vice chairmen, the Speaker shall give no less weight to ability, knowledge of subject matter, and experience than he gives to seniority.

NOTE: The provisions of House Rule 512 formerly constituted subdivisions 3 and 4 of House Rule 39.1.

CHAPTER VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

47- 601. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. The report of a committee shall be that the bill or resolution: do pass; do not pass; be amended and then do pass; be amended and then do not pass; or be placed on the calendar without recommendation.
2. If the committee report is for passage with amendment or for amendment and do not pass, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the sixth order of business. No action shall be taken ~~upon~~ on an amendment until a verbatim copy of the amendment has been distributed to each

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member; provided, that ~~upon~~ on a two-thirds vote of the members-elect, this may be suspended, and the amendment acted on immediately after the report of the committee. If the amendment is adopted by a majority vote of the members present, the amended measure shall then be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage. If the amendment is rejected, the measure without amendment shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage. If the committee report recommends that the measure pass, do not pass, or makes no recommendation, the measure shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage.

3. If the committee report is divided as provided in Rule 48 602, and one report is for amendment with the other that the bill do not pass, the reports shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day ~~under~~ on the seventh order of business. The Speaker shall receive and announce a motion that the report of the minority be substituted for the majority committee report. If a "do not pass" report is adopted under this subsection, it shall cause the measure to be placed on the calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business.
4. During the fifth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall announce that committee reports have

been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee recommendation.

5. When a measure is on the calendar on the tenth, eleventh, or fourteenth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall again announce the committee recommendation concerning that measure.
6. If the committee report is divided pursuant to Rule ~~48~~ 602, the Chief Clerk shall announce the majority report and the minority report, or reports, as well.
7. The Chief Clerk shall ensure that the daily calendar contains appropriate notation of committee reports.

~~48~~ 602. DIVIDED COMMITTEE REPORT

1. In case all the members of any committee, ~~including a conference committee,~~ required or entitled to report on any subject referred to them, cannot agree upon any report, the majority and minority may each make a special report, and any member or members dissenting, in whole or in part, from the reasoning and conclusions of both the majority and minority may also present to the House a statement of his or their reasonings and conclusions; and all reports, if decorous in language, and respectful to the House, shall be entered at length in the journal, and shall be announced by the Chief Clerk as provided in Rule ~~47~~ 601.
2. If one or more of the reports presented pursuant to this rule recommend an amendment to the legislative measure under consideration, the

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Chief Clerk shall, during the fifth order of business, announce the fact that a divided committee report has been received, including a report, or reports, for amendment. The amendments, except as provided in subsection 3 of Rule 47 601, shall then go on the calendar under the sixth order of business in accordance with subsection 2 of Rule 47 601.

3. If more than one amendment is recommended by divided reports relating to a particular measure, the Speaker shall direct that they be placed on the calendar in order in accordance with the number of members signing the report, with the amendment recommended by the report signed by the largest number of committee members being placed on the calendar first. In the event that the reports recommending amendment are signed by an equal number of members, the Speaker shall determine by some other equitable method the order in which they will be placed on the calendar during the sixth order of business.
4. The Speaker shall also rule, in the case of a divided committee report recommending two or more amendments, as to the effect of the passage of the first amendment on each subsequent amendment recommended to that particular legislative measure.

49+ 603. REPORT DIVIDED

Whenever the report of any committee, except a conference committee, contains several modifications or amendments, any member may have the same divided, and the question of their adoption taken separately ~~upon~~ on each modification or amendment.

77+ 604. REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Select committees to whom reference has been made, ~~in all-cases,~~ shall, in all cases, report ~~a-state-of~~ to the House ~~the~~ facts and their opinions ~~to-the-House~~ on the matters referred.

55+ 605. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS, EXCEPTION TO HOUSE RULES ~~47~~ 601 AND ~~54~~ 332

~~On-the-sixtieth-legislative-day-only,-the~~ The provisions of House Rules ~~47~~ 601 and ~~54~~ 332 shall not prohibit the reading of a conference committee report and the adoption or rejection of any recommended amendments ~~therein-recommended,~~ nor the placing of any bill or resolution affected by such conference committee report on the calendar for final action on the same day the conference committee report is received, ~~nor shall-the-requirement-of-placing-a-full-mimeographed-or-printed-copy-of-recommended-amendments-in-the-hands-of-all-members apply-to-conference-committee-reports-for-amendment.~~

Committee-of-the-WholeCHAPTER VII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE68+ 701. MEMBER TO PRESIDE

In forming a Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside.

69+ 702. ORDER OF BUSINESS

When the House has arrived at the consideration of general orders and there are any bills which have been referred to the Committee of the Whole, it shall go into the Committee of the Whole and no other business shall be in order until the committee arises.

70+ 703. HOUSE RULES PERTAIN, EXCEPTIONS

The rules of the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as may be applicable except that the ayes and nays shall not be recorded, the previous question enforced, nor the time of speaking limited.

71+ 704. PROCEDURE

Bills committed to the Committee of the Whole shall be read, be opened to amendment, and debated by sections, unless otherwise ordered, leaving the title to be last considered; all amendments and recommendations shall be noted in writing and reported to the House and signed by the chairman, which shall be received and acted upon by the House as are other committee reports.

72+ 705. MOTION TO RISE

A motion that the committee rise shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

CHAPTER VIII. RULES MANUAL81+ 801. RULES

Mason's Manual on Legislative Procedure shall govern the House in all cases in which it is applicable, and in which it is not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House, and the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

JOINT RULES

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The Joint rules are hereby amended, rearranged, and renumbered to read as follows:

CHAPTER I. COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS1+ 101. TRANSMITTING OF PAPERS

Each house shall transmit to the other house all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded, for which receipt shall be given and preserved.

3+ 102. NOTICE OF REJECTION OF BILLS

When a bill or resolution which shall have passed in one house is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same may have passed.

4+ 103. MESSAGES

Messages from one house to the other shall be communicated by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the

House of Representatives, unless the house transmitting the messages shall especially direct otherwise.

CHAPTER II. PROCEDURES ON MEASURES

5+ 201. AMENDMENTS

It shall be in the power of either house to amend any amendment made by the other to any bill or resolution.

7+ 202. RECEDING BEFORE CONFERENCE

It shall be in order for either house to recede from any subject matter of difference existing between the two houses at any time previous to a conference whether the papers on which difference has arisen are before the house receding formally or informally, and a majority shall govern, except in case where two-thirds are required by the Constitution, and the question having been put and lost, shall not be again put the same day, and the consideration thereof in other respects shall be regulated by the rules of the respective houses.

8+ 203. LIMITATION ON MESSAGING OF BILLS - CROSSOVER DAYS

1. No bill that ~~shall-have~~ has passed one house shall be sent to the other house for concurrence after the thirty-third legislative day of the session, except bills introduced after the first fifteen legislative days of the session by a the Committee on Delayed Bills or introduced with the concurrence of two-thirds or more of the members of the house of introduction.
2. No resolution directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study that ~~shall-have~~ has passed one house shall be sent to the other house for concurrence after the thirty-eighth legislative day of the session, except study resolutions introduced after the thirty-third legislative day by a the Committee on Delayed Bills or introduced with the concurrence of two-thirds or more of the

members of the house of introduction.

9- 204. RETURNING OF BILLS

Either house, upon majority vote, shall return any bill or resolution called for by resolution of the other house, if the bill or resolution is yet in possession of the house called upon, and no action thereon has been had. In case action has been had, then it shall require a two-thirds vote of the house asked to return a bill or resolution called for.

12- 205. ASSISTANCE IN DRAFTING BILLS

The Legislative Council is authorized to provide for the members of the legislature such legal assistance as may be necessary for the proper drafting of proposed legislation.

16- 206. UNCONTESTED BILLS - CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Each standing committee may report an uncontested bill or resolution out of committee and may include in its committee report a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.
2. As used in this rule, "uncontested bill" (or "resolution") means any bill or resolution, except those containing appropriations, which receives a do pass or do pass as amended recommendation from the committee to which it is referred, by unanimous vote of the members present provided a quorum is present.
3. Following the presentation of a committee report recommending passage, or the adoption of committee amendments ~~thereto~~, if any, all bills or resolutions reported by the committee as uncontested shall be placed on the consent calendar ~~by the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the House~~, and shall be known as "consent calendar bills" (or "resolutions").
4. Any consent calendar bill or resolution which is

amended from the floor shall cease to be a consent calendar bill or resolution and shall be placed on the regular calendar.

5. Upon objection of one-third of the members-elect to the placement or retention of any bill or resolution to the consent calendar, such shall cease to be a consent calendar bill or resolution and shall be placed on the regular calendar.

6. No consent calendar bill or resolution shall be considered for adoption on the same legislative day it is placed on the consent calendar.

~~17-~~ 207. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Bills or resolutions on the consent calendar are not debatable, except that the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall allow a reasonable time for questions from the floor and shall permit the proponents of such bills or resolutions to answer such questions.

2. The question of the final passage of more than one bill or resolution contained in the consent calendar may be voted ~~upon~~ on in a single roll call vote provided that such roll call vote is ~~upon~~ on either bills or resolutions and not ~~upon~~ on both in the same roll call vote.

3. Immediately prior to voting on the first consent calendar bills or resolutions, the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall call to the attention of the members the fact that the next roll call will be the roll call on the bills or resolutions on the consent calendar.

4. The consent calendar shall be considered immediately prior to the consideration of bills and resolutions on second reading and final

passage in the regular calendar.

~~20--PROCEDURE-OF-LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL-RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEES-(REPEALED)~~

~~21~~ 208. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT AND SUPREME COURT BILLS

Each executive agency and the Supreme Court shall file those bills ~~it wants~~ they wish to have introduced with the Legislative Council during the organizational session, or thereafter, but no later than ~~the-fifth-legislative-day-of~~ December fifteenth prior to the ensuing regular session. Such bills will be deemed introduced by the standing committee of the House or Senate with general jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill. The Legislative Council will deliver those bills to the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House for recording and numbering. Executive agency and Supreme Court bills will be identified by noting the name of the agency or the court under the name of the sponsoring committee.

CHAPTER III. JOINT COMMITTEES

~~6~~ 301. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

- ~~a~~ 1. In every case of a difference between the two houses arising from a refusal by one house to concur in amendments made by the other house, if either house ~~shall-request~~ requests a conference on the difference which has arisen and ~~shall appoint~~ appoints a committee for that purpose, the other house shall also appoint such a committee.
- ~~b~~ 2. The committees so appointed shall meet at such hour and place as shall be agreed on by the chairmen; and the chairmen shall have the time and place of the meeting posted on the bulletin

board prior to the meeting, or the chairmen shall announce the time and place of the meeting to their respective houses.

e- 3. The committees so appointed shall state to each other, verbally, or in writing, as either may choose, the reasons of their respective houses, and confer thereon; and they shall be authorized to report, in the manner set out below, to their respective houses regarding the manner in which they recommend that the difference between the two houses should be resolved.

d- 4. The chairman of the conference committee representing the house of origin of the bill or resolution under consideration shall ensure that minutes of the meetings of the conference committee be kept in the same manner as other standing committee minutes.

e- 5. Conference committees appointed pursuant to this rule shall confine their conferences and recommendations to consideration of the stated difference which gave rise to the appointment of the committees, and in no event shall a conference committee submit a divided report.

f- 6. The conference committee report shall first be submitted to the house having possession of the bill over which the difference has arisen where it shall be acted ~~upon~~ on and notice of such action transmitted to the other house.

g- 7. When the other house shall have also acted ~~upon~~ on the report, it shall notify the house having possession of the bill, which house shall, if appropriate, proceed to take action on the bill

and transmit it to the other house for appropriate action.

~~13-~~ 302. JOINT COMMITTEES

For the convenience of the public and the information of members, so far as practicable, like committees of both houses ~~shall~~ may meet in joint session. The chairman shall be the chairman of the committee of the house before which the bill or resolution under consideration is then pending. The report to the house before which the bill is pending shall be made by the members of the committee of such house.

~~15-~~ 303. JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS

For greater utilization of members' time, for the convenience of representatives of institutions and agencies, and for the information of members, Appropriations Committees may meet upon mutual agreement of the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate, for joint session budget hearings. The chairman will be the chairman of the committee of the house before which the bill under consideration is pending. A report shall be made by the committee of the house before which the bill is pending.

~~23- JOINT-STANDING-COMMITTEE-ON-REAPPORTIONMENT~~

~~(REPEALED)~~

~~24-~~ 304. JOINT CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE

The Joint Constitutional Revision Committee shall consist of ten members, five from each house, appointed in the same manner as the members of other standing committees are appointed. The first-named member from each house shall act as cochairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet on Wednesday of each week from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the chairpersons at such other times and places as they may determine. All resolutions proposing amendments, additions, or repeals to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota shall be referred to the committee. The committee will

report on those resolutions in the same manner and in accordance with the same time schedules as do other standing committees. A resolution shall be first reported back to its house of origin.

CHAPTER IV. JOINT SESSIONS

~~18-~~ 401. JOINT SESSIONS

Joint sessions of the House and Senate shall be allowed only for the inauguration ceremony, the inaugural address by the newly elected Governor, an address by the Governor, the state of the judiciary address by the Chief Justice, and such other legislative business as may arise from time to time. Joint sessions honoring or memorializing persons other than members of the Legislative Assembly shall not be called.

CHAPTER V. FISCAL NOTES

~~14-~~ 501. FISCAL NOTES

1. All bills and resolutions introduced into either house of the Legislative Assembly having an effect of five thousand dollars or more on the revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state, except appropriation measures carrying specific dollar amounts, shall have a fiscal note attached to such bill or resolution which shall be prepared as herein provided.
2. a. The determination as to whether a fiscal note is required shall be made by the Legislative Council for those bills or resolutions prepared by the ~~staff-of-the~~ Legislative Council staff, or by the chairman of the committee to which a bill or resolution is referred for those bills or resolutions not prepared by the Legislative Council, or not bearing a fiscal note.

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- b. Bills or resolutions to which amendments have been made having a fiscal effect of five thousand dollars or more shall have a fiscal note attached upon request of the chairman of the committee considering the bill or resolution, or by request of the majority of the members of the house in which the bill is considered at the time of second reading.
- c. The chairman of a committee may request the aid of the Legislative Council in making a determination as to whether a bill or resolution requires a fiscal note.
- 3. a. Fiscal notes shall be prepared by the state agency or department responsible for collecting or expending the revenues affected or jointly by affected departments or agencies, at the request of the Legislative Council or the chairman of the committee considering the bill or resolution.
- b. Requests for fiscal notes shall be in writing, addressed to the designated agency or department, and upon a proper request form, and shall be accompanied by a reproduction of the bill or resolution having the fiscal effect.
- c. The Legislative Council shall prepare all necessary forms for the implementation of the fiscal note procedure.
- d. Each agency or department to whom a request for a fiscal note is made shall be state, in writing, ~~upon~~ on a fiscal note form, the

fiscal impact in dollar amounts of the bill or resolution being considered.

- e. If the agency or department of whom a fiscal note is requested is unable to provide specific information upon the fiscal impact of the bill or resolution, it shall make an estimate of the impact according to such available information it may have or be able to obtain and shall state that the figures provided are an estimate.
- f. If such agency or department is not able to make an estimate it shall state such fact.
- 4. a. All fiscal notes shall be prepared in triplicate and shall be returned to the Legislative Council or the committee chairman making such request, whichever the case may be, not later than five days from date of such request.
- b. One copy of the fiscal note shall be attached to the original bill or resolution, one copy shall be filed with the Bill Clerk of the house wherein the bill or resolution originated, and one copy shall be filed in the ~~office of the~~ Legislative Council office.
- 5. Any bill or resolution requiring a fiscal note shall be stamped or have written on its cover a notation to the effect that a fiscal note is required.
- 6. Reports of committees shall include a notation that a specific bill or resolution carries a fiscal note.
- 7. Upon second reading and final passage of all

bills ~~or~~ and resolutions carrying fiscal notes, the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, whichever the case may be, shall be required to read the fiscal note in its entirety at the time of reading the title of the bill or resolution to be voted ~~upon~~ on.

CHAPTER VI. PRINTING

~~2-~~ 601. REPRINTING OF AMENDED BILLS

Whenever any bill or resolution has been amended and passed by the first house, it shall not be reprinted as amended on different colored paper unless otherwise ordered by the house in which it originates.

~~10-~~ 602. PRINTING AND MAILING OF JOURNAL

On the opening day of the Legislative Assembly or as soon thereafter as may be, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint a committee of three from their respective bodies to act as a joint committee to agree ~~upon~~ on and formulate a plan whereby the journals of the Senate and House, together with other public documents which may be of special interest, may be mailed to the various sections of the state.

~~11-~~ 603. PRINTING OF THE RULES

The rules of the Senate and House and the joint rules shall be printed in a single publication, which shall also include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Senators members of the Senate and House members, the Order of Business of the Senate and the House, the Senate and House standing committees, the Senate and House joint committees, the Senate and House rules for this legislative session, the joint rules of the Senate and House, names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the officers and employees of the Senate and House, and a directory of state officers and their present the location and telephone numbers of their offices, and an index

~~shall be printed in one pamphlet, with a.~~ A colored sheet of paper separating these shall separate the rules of the Senate from those of the House. One thousand ~~of such pamphlets~~ rule books shall be printed. ~~The title of the joint and separate rules shall be in boldfaced type.~~

~~The Secretary of State shall retain at least 250 copies of these pamphlets to be mailed by him to each newly certified elected member of the House and Senate, prior to the convening of the next Legislative Assembly.~~

25- 604. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS

1. ~~Seven~~ Eight hundred copies of each bill, and five hundred copies of each resolution shall be printed, unless the house of introduction ~~shall~~ order orders a greater or lesser number to be printed.
2. Bill room employees, under the supervision of the Chief Clerk or the Secretary of the Senate, as the case may be, may, as time and physical space allow, set aside not more than five copies of each bill or resolution, or specified bills and resolutions, to be delivered to certain specified persons.
3. Persons on an approved list to receive bills as of the first day of the regular session shall have priority for receiving bills and resolutions pursuant to this rule.
4. This rule shall not apply to the staff of the Legislative Council which may have such number of bills set aside as are necessary to aid it in carrying on legislative business.
5. Bill room employees shall not distribute more than five bills to any one person, except to

legislators, legislative employees, and members of the Legislative Council staff.

CHAPTER VII. LEGISLATIVE DAYS

~~19-~~ 701. SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS NOT LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Saturdays and Sundays shall not be counted as legislative days, unless legislative business is conducted on those days, or either of them.

CHAPTER VIII. OPEN MEETINGS

~~22-~~ 801. OPEN LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

All meetings of the Legislative Assembly and its committees, including interim legislative committees, shall be open to the public and the press at all times when pending or proposed legislation is being considered.

REP. R. HAUSAUER, Chairman

Rep. R. Hausauer moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOINT CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

(House membership only)

Swiontek - Chairman

Conmy

Kretschmar

Heigaard

Matchie

APPROPRIATIONS

Wagner - Chairman

Hausauer, R. - Vice Chairman

Eagles

Kingsbury

Marsden

Freborg

Unhjem

Gunsch

Kuchera

Lipsiea

Jacobsen, R.

Thompson

Wald

Koland

Mertens

Solberg

Opedahl

Mushik

Meier

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Hausauer, A. - Chairman
Olson, A. - Vice Chairman
Murphy
Matheny
Timm
Moore
Martin
Nicholas
Crabtree
Goetz
Mattson
Hughes
Kelly
Berg
Riehl
Richard

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Gorder
Houmann
Melby
Anderson, C.
Moum
Nagel
Rice
Larson, B.
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Sorum
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Kloubec - Chairman
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Hausauer, A.
Kretschmar
Schindler
Martin
Crabtree
Matson
Vig
Gates
Whalen
Berg
Brokaw
Hanson, L.
Pomeroy, G.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Rep. Backes: "Mr. Speaker:

"I rise on a point of personal privilege, and request that my remarks be printed in the Journal.

"The Committee on Committees of the Minority party worked hard to give their members some of their top choices for committee assignments.

"Members of the minority cannot change most committee decisions or floor decisions.

"I would remind you that is an obligation of the minority to be heard —by not accepting our choice for committee recommendations the majority party is in effect placing the gag rule on the minority.

"I realize that Representative Strinden has an obligation to carry out the Republican program but with the numbers he has, there would seem to me no need not to accept our recommendations.

"In the past we have come to expect fairness, and we had expected to receive fair treatment in this session.

"We the committee offered two different recommendations for the appropriations committee. Representative Kelly and Representative Horgan are both former appropriations committee members.

"The irony of the rejection of these committee members is that Representative Kelly was turned down because they felt it wasn't proper to have two from the City of Fargo and yet Representative Horgan was not accepted although there is no member in appropriations in either the House or the Senate from Valley City.

"Valley City will be the only institution without representation on appropriation committees.

"Democrats are not politically naive, but we are dismayed that our right to choose our own committee members has been denied."

Rep. Strinden moved that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Strinden moved that the 47th organizational legislative session be adjourned, which motion prevailed.

ROY GILBREATH, Chief Clerk