

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Forty-eighth Legislative Assembly

FIRST DAY

Bismarck, January 4, 1983

At the hour of twelve o'clock noon on the fourth day of January, 1983, according to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, the North Dakota House of Representatives convened in its regular session, Speaker Kelly presiding.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Marwood Rettig, Conference Executive, North Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Almighty God, who has called the world into being, created us in your image and entrusted to us the governance of ourselves, guide this assembly with your gracious spirit. Grant unto these, our representatives, the knowledge needed for their task, the sensitivity to those things right and good for the whole human family, the wisdom to perceive reality, and courage to do what makes for a hopeful future. Be with our state and our nation in these painful and uncertain times, granting our leaders insight and a sense of caring for those pained by poverty and loss of livelihood. We pray for the families of our representatives as they experience absentee loved ones serving us in our state. This prayer we offer in our Master's name. Amen.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

REVISION AND CORRECTION OF THE JOURNAL

MADAM SPEAKER: Your Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal has carefully examined the Journal of the First, Second and Third days of the Organizational Session and recommends that the same be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that the same be approved:

On page 12, line 44, after the quotation mark, delete the comma and the word "well" and insert a period and the word and comma "Well,"

On page 17, line 42, insert the name "Sinner, George "Bud" (Senate 1963-65) 0 2" and renumber the lines accordingly

On page 18, line 4, delete "Sinner, George (Senate
1963-65) 0 2" and renumber the lines accordingly
REP. LAUGHLIN, Chairman

REP. BOYLE MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

REP. BACKES MOVED that the schedule of chaplains be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAINCY SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR THE HOUSE

JANUARY

DATE	NAME AND CHURCH	PHONE
4	Rev. Marwood Rettig, Conf. Exec. N.D. Conference of the U.C.C.	255-1104
5	Rev. Russell Dilley, District Supt. United Methodist Church	255-0800
6	Joanne Spears Society of Friends	258-1899
7	Rev. Donald Andrews McCabe United Methodist Church	255-1160
10	Rev. Don DeKok Bismarck Reformed Church	223-3061
11	Rev. T. Christian Nelson Christ Episcopal	663-8466
12	Rev. Duane Danielson House of Prayer Lutheran	223-2202
13	Rev. John Kuhn Christ the King	663-8842
14	Rev. Dave Ewing Century Baptist Church	223-0478
17	Rev. John MacMullen First United Methodist Church	663-8339
18	Rev. Stan Malmgren First Baptist Church	255-3148
19	Sister Elizabeth Mason St. Annes	223-1549
20	Rev. Larry Ediger Washington Heights Community	258-8558
21	Rev. Ted Heaston Evangel Temple	223-1852
24	Rev. John Miller Baptist Temple	663-5020
25	Rev. Ira Herzberg Retired - United Methodist	255-1598
26	Rev. Paul Long First Church of the Nazarene	223-9292
27	Rev. John Nicolai Trinity Lutheran Church	223-3560

28	Rev. Ted Gall	663-8545
	Messiah Lutheran Church	
31	Rev. DeVern Schwenn	223-0965
	First United Methodist Church	

FEBRUARY

1	Rev. Merrill Ronning	258-1228
	Charity Lutheran Church	
2	Rev. Ralph LaFontaine	224-6000
	Bismarck Hospital Chaplain	
3	Rev. Richard Hagestuen	663-3594
	First Lutheran Church	
4	Rev. Francis Tannehill	255-1160
	McCabe United Methodist Church	
7	Rev. Leonard Eckroth	224-2980
	Chaplain State Penitentiary	
8	Rev. Patrick Moore	224-7000
	St. Alexius Hospital	
9	Rev. Don Drumm	223-5479
	Capitol Heights Baptist Church	
10	Rev. Dan Wissmann	255-1001
	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	
11	Rev. Mel Soderberg	223-4340
	First Lutheran Church	
14	Rev. Tom Mitchell	258-7320
	Bismarck Alliance Church	
15	Rev. E. Woody Scruggs	223-8541
	Church of God	
16	Rev. Duane Wacker	224-6000
	Bismarck Hospital	
17	Rev. Walter Elmer	258-9050
	Retired United Methodist	
18	Captain Richard Rubottom	223-1976
	Salvation Army	
21	Presidents' Day - Holiday	
22	Rev. Tom Smith	224-0623
	Bismarck Reformed Church	
23	Rev. Charles Littman	224-0146
	North American Conference	
24	Rev. Ed. Wolt	734-6683
	Evangelical Free Church	
25	Rev. Pete Brinckerhoff	255-3301
	Charles Hall Youth Services	
28	Rev. Marv Mutzenberger	224-5400
	B.J.C. Campus Ministry	

MARCH

1	Rev. Donald Shoemaker	258-5573
	N.D. State Baptist Convention	
2	Bishop John Kinney	223-2406
	Catholic Church	

3	Rev. Charles Hill	223-7266
	Retired U.C.C.	
4	Rev. George Walker	223-3330
	Evangelical Free Church	
7	Rev. Don Bentz	223-2236
	Faith Lutheran Church	
8	Joanne Spears	258-1899
	Society of Friends	
9	Rev. Tom Kramer	223-1033
	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	
10	Captain Susan Rubottom	223-1889
	Salvation Army	
11	Rev. Dale Drown	223-9008
	Wesleyan Church	
14	Rev. Steven Zastoupil	255-4600
	Corpus Christi Church	
15	Rev. Douglas Roberts	223-2915
	United Church of Christ	
16	Rev. Mel Soderberg	223-4340
	First Lutheran Church	
17	Rev. N. D. Wolff	224-1021
	Bismarck Baptist Church	
18	Rev. Theodore Gustin	223-4113
	St. Mary's Catholic Church	
21	Rev. Jana Johnsen	223-6091
	First Presbyterian Church	
22	Rev. Bob Lynne	255-1001
	Good Shepherd Lutheran	
23	Rev. Randall Paulson	258-5029
	Grace Lutheran Brethren Church	
24	Rev. James Peterson	223-1001
	Church of the Cross	
25	Rev. Ben Dove	663-5788
	First Presbyterian Church	
28	Rev. Eugene Lybarger	663-8975
	Church of the Nazarene	
29	Rev. Dennis Tippet	223-1942
	St. George's Episcopal Church	
30	Rev. Dave Walters	223-8125
	First United Pentecostal Church	
31	Rev. Jim Norlie	223-3560
	Trinity Lutheran Church	

APRIL

1	Good Friday - Holiday	
4	Rev. Dale Thoreson	223-2236
	Faith Lutheran Church	
5	Rev. Blaine Cook	255-4681
	Mary College	
6	Rev. Sam Graf	222-8226
	First United Methodist Church	

- 7 Rev. George Neubert 222-0156
Bismarck Baptist Church
- 8 Rev. Bob Paul 255-1160
McCabe United Methodist Church

REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

MADAM SPEAKER: Your procedural Committee on Employment submits the following names for the positions specified below:

John "Tom" Maluski Assistant Chief Clerk

Rob Nelson Bill Clerk

Carol Siegert Chief Stenographer and Payroll Clerk

Dee Hanson Chief Committee Clerk

Marilynn Kleinman Appropriations Committee Clerk

Sally Haring Assistant Appropriations Committee Clerk

Carin Noriega Committee Clerk

Ruth Stefanowicz Committee Clerk

Wanda Scheid Committee Clerk

Eileen Giese Committee Clerk

Cynthia Larson Committee Clerk

Lois Nodland Committee Clerk

Laurie Holden Committee Clerk

Sandi Kershaw Committee Clerk

Jill Bourgois Committee Clerk

Bernice Palmer Committee Clerk

Pam Ruona Assistant Committee Clerk

Bernadette Berger Chief Page and Bill Book Clerk

Sharon Clancy Desk Page

Renee Ulmer Desk Page

Mike Boe Desk Page

Thomas Magin Chief Bill and Journal Room Clerk

Rita Moore Secretary to the Speaker

Jan Franklund Secretary to the Majority Leader

Mavis Patchen Secretary to the Minority Leader

Art McKinney Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms

Neil Schlosser Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Curt Togstad Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Gary Hendrickson Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Edgar Beyers Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

David Hillesland Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Al Jacobsen Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Janice Clancy Information Desk Attendant

Catherine Putney Bill Room Clerk

Faye Caya Bill Room Clerk

Dennis Mees Bill Room Clerk

William Harter Bill Room Clerk

Hazel Ludemann Bill Room Clerk

Gayle Klinkhammer Journal Room Clerk

Selmer Severinson Journal Room Clerk

Betty Heinrich Telephone Page

Ellen Austin Telephone Attendant

Margo Undlin Telephone Attendant

Maude Grambs Telephone Attendant

Robert Porter Parking Lot Attendant

Janelle Litchfield	Stenographer
Lori Kling	Stenographer
Judy Hoffman	Stenographer
Deborah Wood	Stenographer
Sigrun Clausnitzer	Stenographer
Mary Jane Spethman	Typist
Helen Soma	Typist
Laura Anhalt	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Cheryl Moch	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Gwen Young	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Shirley Grevious	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Lisa Dokken	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Judy Tinjum	Page and Bill Book Clerk
David Mayer	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Dale Olson	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Mark Hausauer	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Tove Mandigo	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Kelly Herold	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Renae Doan	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Jane Hougen	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Glen Shipman	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Merrill Flanders	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Pamela Smith	Page and Bill Book Clerk
Mark Kosse	Journal Page
Eugene Reynolds	Janitor
Joe Emineth	Janitor
Edwin Telin	Janitor
Francis "Mick" Scharosch	Janitor

REP. OPEDAHL, Chairman

REP. MARTINSON MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. BACKES: Madam Speaker: I rise to a point of personal privilege and request that my remarks be printed in the Journal.

Madam Speaker, Members of this assembly...

Recent Court actions regarding the validity of an election contest in district 42 forces us to reexamine the decision of this body to seat Michael Hamerlik as State Representative of the 42nd district.

The validity of the election was challenged due to an administrative error of the Grand Forks county auditor which resulted in the votes of 526 District 42 residents not being counted.

The auditor's error was to place one voting machine guidebook intended for another precinct in the Winship precinct.

As a result, the location of the names of candidates in five of the guidebooks was opposite the order on the sixth machine. As these ballots became punched by the voter and deposited and commingled in the ballot box, it became impossible to determine which candidates these individuals had intended to vote for.

Before going further, I want to state loud and clear that the Democratic-NPL majority in this House shares the outrage experienced by those voters who, for no fault of their own, had their ballots thrown out. The fact that an administrative error has effectively disenfranchised 526 voters is a very sorry statement on the election laws and procedures of this state.

I believe each member of this assembly recognizes the right to vote as one of the most important rights an individual has under our system of government. It falls upon all of us as members of the 48th Legislative Assembly to address this crucial failure of the election laws as they are presently constituted. We simply cannot continue to allow the incompetent mistakes of our election officials to take away the votes of conscientious constituents.

However, the ruling of the District Judge in the challenge to district 42 presents this body with several complex questions.

The judge's order declared that the election certificate issued for Mike Hamerlik be annulled and set aside and the seat declared vacant. It is important to note that the Court's ruling came after Mr. Hamerlik was seated as a member of this legislative assembly during the presession.

To my knowledge, this is the first time a North Dakota Court has ordered a seated member of the North Dakota legislature to be removed from the assembly. Each house of the state legislature is responsible for the ultimate decision of the seating of its members. Any judicial involvement in questions involving legislative elections must recognize this basic fact.

It is clearly provided in the state constitution which states, "Each house shall be the judge of election returns and qualifications of its members." This authority is at the foundation of the separation of powers and has never been questioned by any ruling of the North Dakota Supreme Court.

However, this assembly chooses to address this troubling situation in district 42, we cannot recognize the portion of the District Court order which declares the seat of Hamerlik vacant after he has been seated by this assembly. It is the position of the House that Mr. Hamerlik will

remain a seated member of this assembly until such time as his seat is declared vacant by a vote of this assembly.

These statements should not be interpreted as meaning the Courts do not have a proper function in ruling on election issues. I have said many times that the legislature has shown itself to be a poor judge of who shall be seated. When we were the minority party, there were times when the resolution of election contests was decided on political grounds rather than the merit of each particular case.

We have fashioned our recount statutes to involve the judicial branch in interpreting questions of fact and law in extremely close elections. The distinct feature of this process, however, is that the legislative assembly still has the final say over which members are seated.

In the matter before us, we will look to the order of the Court for guidance as to the legal questions presented by the unfortunate facts of this election.

There are several legal questions raised by the ruling of the District Court. The resolution of these questions by the Supreme Court would be of great assistance to this assembly in determining whether the problem can be effectively addressed.

These questions include the following:

1. May election officials and canvassing boards determine who a winning candidate is when an administrative error prevents the board from counting X number of ballots and that number is greater than the margin of victory between the candidates?
2. Does the governor have the authority to issue a special writ of election providing for the county auditor to administer an election of only the 526 voters whose ballots were not counted?
3. If so, does the legislature have the authority to compel the governor to issue a special writ to provide a remedy for the voters who were wrongfully disenfranchised?

The most apparent alternative to leaving Mr. Hamerlik provisionally seated pending the ruling of the Supreme Court on the action of the District Court is to vote to unseat Mr. Hamerlik. While this may be justified due to the fact that the margin of victory was less than the number of uncounted ballots, this option has serious shortcomings.

If we should take this step, by operation of statute, the seat would be declared vacant and a special election would have to be called by the governor. Under the statute, this would be a districtwide election.

All the people in district 42 who voted in the general election would be effectively disenfranchised by this action, in that district 42 would be under-represented in the assembly which would conduct much, if not all of the business of this session, before an election could be completed and the seat filled.

It is, therefore, the intention of the House to withhold any action on this matter at this time. We have the right to reexamine this matter in the future. As Representative Strinden stated in the presession of the 1977 session, "We do reserve the right to judge qualifications of our members...every one of us is provisionally seated."

It is our hope the Supreme Court action will be instructive as to the legal issue raised by this contest. We hope that this ruling is rendered as quickly as possible so that we may consider its implications as early in this session as possible.

It is also the hope of the majority caucus that in resolving this appeal the Court will carefully consider and actively seek to provide meaningful remedies for the 526 disenfranchised voters. Although we have areas of difference with the ruling of the district court as outlined earlier, we applaud his attempt to protect the right to vote for all who choose to exercise it in district 42. It is our hope that the resolution of the judicial questions will assist this House in arriving at a means to correct the unacceptable loss of vote for 526 individuals at Winship precinct.

To deny Mike Hamerlik this seat because of the disenfranchised voters in this election would mean that we would have to hold elections all over the state. There were several disenfranchised voters and specifically in the Senate seat in Williams County where they threw out many, many votes. Regardless of the eventual outcome of the district 42 case, obviously we must change our election laws regarding the training of election officials. That is the biggest problem. We've got to do something about it because we're going to be faced with it every time if we don't. So, I hope that part of the pledge of this assembly is to change the training of election officials.

Now, obviously we need changes in our election laws regarding uniformity of ballots. Right now I don't believe there's any law stating what kind of form the ballot has to have, but every county seems to be picking a new type of

ballot. At least we've got punch ballots in one place and we've got a different type in Ward County, and paper ballots in some rural districts. Somehow this legislative assembly must examine the election laws and solve the problems which exist.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

REP. STRINDEN: Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of this assembly: I compliment and commend Representative Backes for the position that he and the members of the majority party are taking on this matter.

I do believe that we must, as members of the legislative branch, always be very jealous and very protective of our constitutional rights and responsibilities as a separate and equal branch of government. Representative Backes has outlined that very well. We should never make decisions of a momentary nature on matters such as this because precedents are established. What may help one party in one election may turn around to hurt that same party in the next election because of the precedent that was set.

Mike Hamerlik is a fine individual who was an innocent victim. He did nothing wrong. The errors were made by someone else. Five hundred twenty-six voters were disenfranchised but it behooves us always to think of the many thousands who did vote and whose votes were counted and who would be disenfranchised if we should seek another course. I share with Representative Backes completely the need to legislate during this session such changes in our statutes which will prevent this type of thing from happening ever in the future.

Thank you.

REQUEST

REP. STRINDEN REQUESTED that his remarks in response to Rep. Backes be printed in the Journal, which request was granted.

MOTION

REP. BACKES MOVED that the House stand in recess until 1:45 p.m., which motion prevailed.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the House and Senate convened at 2:00 p.m. with Speaker Kelly calling the Session to order.

MOTIONS

REP. BACKES MOVED that the Speaker appoint a committee of two to escort Lt. Governor Ernest Sands to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

SPEAKER KELLY APPOINTED Reps. C. Anderson and Watne to such committee, and the Lt. Governor was escorted to the rostrum.

Speaker Kelly presented Lt. Governor Sands to the Assembly and turned the gavel over to him.

REP. HILL MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort Bishop Roy Gilbertson and Bishop Hilary Hacker to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

PRESIDENT SANDS APPOINTED Rep. Conmy and Sen. Miller Heinrich to such committee, and Bishops Gilbertson and Hacker were escorted to the rostrum.

SEN. LEE MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort Mrs. Barbara Olson to a special reserved seat in the Assembly, which motion prevailed.

PRESIDENT SANDS APPOINTED Sen. Lodoen and Rep. R. Meiers to such committee, and Mrs. Olson was escorted into the Assembly.

SEN. REDLIN MOVED that a committee of four be appointed to escort the State Officials to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

PRESIDENT SANDS APPOINTED Sens. Wenstrom, Heigaard, and Reps. Kretschmar and Mushik to such committee, and the State Officials were escorted into the Assembly.

REP. RILEY MOVED that a committee of four be appointed to escort Justices Paulson, Pederson, Sand, and VandeWalle to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

PRESIDENT SANDS APPOINTED Reps. Unhjem, G. Pomeroy, and Sens. Lashkowitz and Stenehjem to such committee, and the Justices were escorted into the Assembly.

SEN. TODD MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Ralph J. Erickstad to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

PRESIDENT SANDS APPOINTED Sen. Nelson and Rep. B. Larson to such committee, and Chief Justice Erickstad was escorted to the rostrum.

SEN. ADAMS MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort Governor Allen I. Olson to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

PRESIDENT SANDS APPOINTED Sen. Nething and Rep. Strinden to such committee, and Governor Olson was escorted to the rostrum.

The Program was called to order with Lt. Governor Ernest Sands presiding.

The colors were presented by the Northern Lights Council Boy Scout Troop 11.

Wade Tschaekofske of the Northern Lights Council led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was offered by Bishop Roy Gilbertson.

Our heavenly Father, we are very thankful for the privilege of serving the State of North Dakota in this very special way. Help us to exercise this privilege in a responsible manner.

Lord, give us faith. Faith that your hand of benediction will rest over all that we do. Faith that our partners on both sides of the aisle are as dedicated and sincere as ourselves. Faith that somehow through our human limitations we may accomplish good things together. Faith that our legislative, judicial and executive branches of government can work together for the good of all.

Lord, give us hope. Hope that justice may prevail for all of our people. Justice for the farmer and rancher, the teacher and the student, the Indian and the White, the rich and the poor, management and labor, young and old, whole and handicapped, plaintiff and prosecutor, buyer and seller.

Above all, give us love. Love for all the people in the world. Love for our heritage. Love for those in authority. Love for our State of North Dakota and what it has given us. A deep love of God and His creation. Love that expresses itself in service to others. Love that is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not arrogant or rude, not irritable or resentful. Love that never ends.

Faith, hope and love, may these three abide throughout this session of the Legislature so that those who follow us in the years yet to come will look back at our work here and say, 'Well done, good and faithful servants!'

In the name of Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The Bismarck High School Concert Choir presented a vocal selection.

Oath of Office was administered to Chief Justice Erickstad by Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle.

Chief Justice Erickstad administered the Oath of Office to Bruce Hagen, Public Service Commissioner; and Orville W. Hagen, Commissioner of Labor.

The Bismarck High School Jazz Ensemble presented a vocal selection.

Governor Allen I. Olson was introduced, and he then presented his State of the State Address to the Session.

MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE

BY

ALLEN I. OLSON

Governor of North Dakota

Ladies and gentlemen of the 48th Legislative Assembly, officers of the executive and judicial branches of state government, citizens, friends and family:

It is my constitutional responsibility to inform you of the condition of the state. I will also offer specific measures for your consideration which I believe, if enacted, will benefit the people of our state.

As elected officials we share temporary custody of government. None of us take this responsibility lightly. While it is in our custody we are duty-bound to respond as best we can to the needs of our citizens.

Our response this session will be measured by the wisdom we apply, the bipartisan cooperation we establish, and the commitment we make to the people of North Dakota to meet difficult problems head-on.

The full text of my message to you presents the state's condition under five broad categories of responsibility. Fiscal responsibility affects all other areas and in most cases provides the basis for resolution to our problems.

Contraction rather than expansion of our fiscal reserves is the reality of today. Providing the basic services reasonably expected of a state government has never been easy in a large yet sparsely populated state like North Dakota. But we have managed before and we will again. Throughout our history we have dealt with economic cycles and their consequences. This time, there is a difference. Over the past decade the federal government has invested heavily in social and economic programs administered through state government. We are now being gradually but clearly weaned from these programs, the process of which will be difficult to all concerned. The budget I have delivered to you reflects my initial judgments on fiscal priorities. I am confident that with your involvement and assistance, basic programs will continue at an acceptable level.

This year I drew on the talents and resources of the private sector for a comprehensive review of major agencies and departments of state government. The review produced 200 recommendations over half of which have been wholly or partially

implemented. Substantial dollar savings will result. Several of the recommendations require legislative action. I recommend that you give these proposals careful consideration and favorable action.

During the past calendar year reorganization of social and health programs required by the 1981 Legislature was accomplished. Twenty-nine separate service areas were consolidated into eight cohesive regional Human Service Centers. This consolidation will produce by the end of the biennium between 6 - 9 million dollars in general fund savings. Administrative costs in the Highway Department will be reduced by more than 4 million dollars annually through administrative reorganization. Licensing, registration and regulation of motor vehicles has been reorganized and improved. Specific legislation in this area is included for legislative review and action. Your consideration and approval of these proposals is requested. Relocation and reorganization of oil and gas regulation under the Industrial Commission which I proposed and which was accepted by the 1981 Legislature has been completed at considerably less than the budgeted cost.

While much has been done during my administration to improve the efficiency of state government, more can be done. Vehicle registration fees should be simplified and registration dates staggered to provide better service at less cost. Restrictive and unnecessary regulations should be reviewed and revised. Administration of personnel management can be improved by consolidating all agency personnel officers under a single authority. I support the legislation consolidating the state's personnel system for two reasons: (1) it represents sound personnel management when our large, diversified workforce is considered, and (2) it will save approximately one million dollars per biennium. I also support the legislation to update and refine the state's personnel system that resulted from the interim budget study. The present personnel system was implemented in 1975. It has received little attention since that time. It is time to expand flexibility and fix accountability for managing the state's workforce. Improved personnel management can be as beneficial to government as it is to private businesses. While it may not be possible or appropriate to run government exactly like a business, there is no doubt that good business practices can save money and improve service.

The revenue shortfall was disruptive. It also provided an opportunity to reflect upon and respond to the proliferation of programs and the increased costs of government. The shortfall offered the opportunity to review, revise and reduce the costs of providing governmental programs and services. State agencies directly accountable to me were required to reduce expenditures an initial 5 percent and subsequently another 10-15 million dollars. State agencies were also required to reduce out-of-state travel and association memberships. The reduction of dues and memberships alone saved nearly 200 thousand dollars.

Hiring of new and replacement state personnel was significantly reduced. Salary increases to state employees were limited to an average 4 percent with special emphasis on performance for those receiving increases. This action is in keeping with my message to the 1981 Legislature which noted that salary increases were not intended to be automatic and that managers would have responsibility to evaluate employee performance and pay levels. Motivated employees are the key to responsible, responsive state government. The basic framework is in place to achieve consistent, improved employee compensation.

Fiscal responsibility required that this budget be less than the previous budget. Even with substantial reductions in both current and constant dollars, expenditures could not be matched to expected revenues. General fund revenues under the present tax structure will remain relatively "flat" at the balanced budget level. In order to fund the necessary aid programs to local governments and individuals, and to meet the costs of other basic state programs, an increase in sales and motor vehicle excise tax by one percent is recommended. Other revenue increases and adjustments determined by this body would generate revenues sufficient to fund the basic state programs and services.

One such adjustment that has received considerable attention since I delivered the budget last month is the acceleration of collection of taxes such as sales and severance taxes. Monthly rather than quarterly collections would recoup two of three month's collections otherwise deferred to the following biennium. An additional amount of approximately 50 million dollars would be available on a one time basis in whichever biennium it is effective. I am favorable to such an adjustment but only if these one time dollars are applied toward the 50 million dollar general fund balance I deem appropriate or to non-recurring expenditures. An appropriation of some of these one time dollars to elevate the per pupil foundation payment for this year to \$1,400 would, in my view, qualify as a non-recurring expenditure. But, I hasten to caution that we not trap ourselves and the taxpayers of North Dakota into spending these one-time dollars for new or expanded programs that will then demand more future spending.

Economic growth and diversification is another major responsibility. Such growth has not been an easy accomplishment during these difficult economic times. We are, nevertheless, making every effort to enhance North Dakota's economic position and visibility, while providing for long-term, stable growth. Economic development is important because it provides jobs for North Dakota people and expands our tax base.

Agriculture is and always will be the backbone of North Dakota's economy. The depressed state of the farm economy affects this state disproportionately in view of the fact that most North Dakotans are relatively dependent on the agriculture economy.

The situation we face is partly a result of world economic conditions. There is a worldwide recession. The demand for our food and fiber has been eroded by this recession. Since our quality of life is dependent upon and most directly affected by agriculture, actions and programs that will help promote the sale of our products should be stressed by both of our respective branches of state government. We must press for the long-term grain agreements with the Soviet Union and others. Imposition of reasonable quotas on imported agricultural products such as sugar, which keep prices for our products low should be encouraged.

My agricultural policy is grounded on three principles - marketing, research and soil conservation. I firmly believe that we must be creative and initiate our own trade opportunities. Stepped up agricultural research is important if we are to capitalize on our agricultural resources. To the extent possible under difficult fiscal circumstances I have included funding in the Executive Budget Recommendation for continued and new research capabilities. Our soil is the nation's treasure. My budget recommendation proposes state financial support to soil districts for soil technicians to assist farmers in putting conservation practices on the land.

In order to stabilize agricultural production and place claim on water to which North Dakota is entitled, we must also actively pursue irrigation development. Aggressive development of water distribution systems is essential to the future stabilization of North Dakota agriculture and the growth and well-being of our farms and cities.

Total dedication to the survival of North Dakota's farm and ranch families must be a high priority for all of us. In all programs that I influence or control as Governor, every opportunity for economic survival will be given whether in the form of loan programs or assistance in marketing and processing the products of our farms and ranches. At the national level I will continue to speak out for agriculture and those programs which will ensure the continuation of the most prolific food producing system the world has ever known.

Neither the world nor this country can afford to allow the deterioration and decline of American agriculture. That is the message that must penetrate. The politicians in Washington and consumers must ultimately come to this realization and act accordingly. I know that the legislature and people of North Dakota will join me in this crusade.

High interest rates and an uncertain economic future have caused business expansion activity to decline. We can, however, point to 70 new plants and plant expansions in the last two years. These new plants and expansions represent 84.8 million dollars in capital expenditures and have created more than 800 jobs.

These totals do not reflect the huge Great Plains Coal Gasification Project now under construction near Beulah. This 2.2 billion dollar project is the largest single development project now under construction in the entire nation. It employs over 3,000 workers during the construction phase and will provide permanent employment for more than 500 when completed.

In addition to the Great Plains Project, other plants have been constructed to process our natural resources. Two gas processing facilities have been built, two are in the permitting process and eight others are being considered by interested firms. Plants have been constructed to process agricultural products here at the point of production saving transportation and other costs. North Dakota now hosts major sunflower plants, two of which reuse steam produced in electric generation to conserve energy and save on related costs. Confection sunflower seeds are being processed and flax processing has been added to one of the large sunflower processing plants.

North Dakota has achieved results even in these difficult economic times. Continued economic growth will depend on how well we capitalize on our heightened visibility and inherent human and natural resources. To capitalize on these inherent strengths we must continue and expand research related to those strengths; slow outmigration of our talented people; expand existing markets and identify new ones; assist domestic business and industry while we work to attract others to North Dakota; and encourage growth of value-added processing and manufacturing. Continuation of these multi-faceted efforts designed to broaden our economy and the state's tax base is crucial to the economic future of our state.

New concepts such as Foreign Trade Zones which would allow foreign businesses to operate and manufacture products without paying duty on the products until they are sold illustrate areas that should be considered by a state that is determined to progress rather than stagnate. The future course of North Dakota's economy can be influenced. Introspection and planning, optimism, and research, and success and hardwork - all play a part. Especially in this time of economic uncertainty, North Dakota must not lose sight of the future. In the plans and dreams of today lie the future of tomorrow.

A third area of responsibility concerns human resources and needs. Reorganization of Human Service Programs is the centerpiece of the most comprehensive state government reorganization of our state's history. We have restructured and improved the delivery of social and health programs through the new Department of Human Services. The realignment of available professional and fiscal resources, essential in meeting vital human service needs, has resulted in reduced administrative costs and increased efficiency in service delivery. The consolidation will result in general fund savings of between six and nine million dollars this biennium. A major issue facing us in the

delivery of human service programs is the deinstitutionalization of the residents of the Grafton State School and the San Haven Hospital. This issue has been influenced by the lawsuit filed by the Association for Retarded Citizens of North Dakota. An Order issued by the U.S. District Court directed changes at both the Grafton State School and the Hospital. It also directed the state to reduce the total institutional population to approximately 250 residents by July 1, 1989. The practical effects of the Order would require the state to construct several new and costly residential buildings at Grafton some of which may not be needed after the resident population is reduced. The ruling by the U.S. District Court is being appealed.

Notwithstanding the ARC litigation, real progress has been made on developing a continuum of community care and service to meet the needs of the developmentally disabled and chronically mentally ill citizens. On July 1, 1981, the resident population of the combined institutions was 1,040. By the end of this biennium, we project the resident population will be approximately 868. To meet the legislatively established 1987 goal, an additional 305 residents must be integrated into community programs by July 1, 1985. If successful, the combined population of Grafton and San Haven will be 550 to 600 by July, 1985. The unexpected economic conditions require that we accomplish these objectives with restricted resources. In light of current revenue limitations, my proposed budget makes available those resources necessary to the accomplishment of appropriate objectives.

A fourth area of state responsibility falls under the broad category of natural resources. We are a state with bountiful natural resources. Productive soil, clean air and water, open spaces, plant and animal life, mineral and energy resources, all are and will continue to be available if treated with respect. North Dakotans understand their special relationships to the land, air and water around them.

Through adequate planning and sound management, we can strike that balance needed to make intelligent use of our natural resources while safeguarding those resources for future generations.

Many of the uses of fresh water are key components in our economy. It is therefore critical that North Dakota establish and vest our legitimate claims to Missouri River water. We must ensure that changing attitudes of downstream users do not pirate our share of that water.

We must be firm in our position that a compact exists among the Missouri River Basin states - it has existed for nearly 40 years - in the form of the Congressionally approved and mandated Missouri Basin Program which resulted in a major allocation of the waters of the Missouri. Included in this compact is a commitment to the development of a comprehensive water

distribution system for North Dakota's farms and cities. The Garrison Project remains the single most important means for establishing our priority right to Missouri River water. Real progress has been made toward resolving long standing issues including mitigation and Canadian concerns. Phased construction and a new mitigation plan brings our state closer to realizing benefits promised 40 years ago.

The preliminary design study for pipeline delivery of water from Lake Sakakawea to southwestern North Dakota, as authorized by the 1981 Legislative Assembly, has been completed under my supervision. As a result of this study, design alternatives and financing options are now available for legislative review. I have included 6 million dollars in my Executive Budget for final design and land acquisition costs for the selected alternative. I encourage the legislature to authorize the initiation of these preconstruction activities. Considerations for the generation of additional revenues will be necessary for project continuation beyond the preconstruction stage.

The national initiative for decreasing this country's dependency on foreign energy sources has and will continue to have a significant impact on the State of North Dakota. Development of our oil, coal, and natural gas resources is continuing, although at a slower pace than previous years. As supported by the people of North Dakota and by previous administrations, I will maintain a comprehensive natural resources policy, including cautious, orderly development.

North Dakota is a leader in land reclamation research and air, water and land quality standards. A recent example is North Dakota being the only state in full compliance with federal clean air standards. We can be proud of this accomplishment and I am committed to continuation of this tradition. I fully support further research into site specific reclamation plans, which consider local soil characteristics, topographic features, and water availability. It is essential that our reclamation needs continue to be met even with anticipated reduction in federal funds. Consolidation and monitoring of these programs can offset reduced funding. A reasonable level of funding for continued reclamation research is included in my budget recommendations.

Issuance of the first North Dakota Habitat Stamp for national sale will likely generate over a half million dollars. The opening of state school lands to walking access by sportsmen will provide expanded recreational opportunity for the public and may lessen the pressure for private land access.

The last area of responsibility to be discussed is basic services. This area of responsibility includes education, law enforcement and our highway system. Education traditionally generates vigorous discussion and some controversy among the interested parties. This year has been no exception. Our educational system has fulfilled traditional North Dakota goals

while successfully relating to a changing, dynamic society. I pledge my continued support to this educational system which has provided North Dakotans with the basic foundation for careers of leadership throughout the nation and the world. To keep pace with our elementary and secondary needs and with rising costs, an increase in the per pupil foundation payment at least to \$1,400 for this biennium is recommended. A 10 percent increase is included in my budget recommendation for special education services because these programs mean so much to citizens who have few other sources of assistance.

Quality education must continue to be made available to North Dakotans during this period of fiscal constraints. It is important, therefore, that we develop and implement approaches that address real needs. Identifying those approaches will require patience and careful deliberation. In the process we should identify and eliminate duplicate programs and services where they may exist. In this way, we can ensure that available funds will be channeled in the direction most beneficial to the people of North Dakota.

North Dakota has developed and is maintaining one of the best highway systems in the nation for a state of our size and population. Our present system represents a 4.5 billion dollar public investment. Maintaining this investment is vital to the economic well-being of our state. Aging of the highway system and the escalation of highway maintenance costs, causes a deterioration in the system that exceeds the state's ability to adequately maintain and preserve the system. During this legislative session we must respond to this problem and provide for a significant increase in highway maintenance and preservation efforts.

Deterioration is not limited to state highways. Units of local governments are also faced with the need for a major reinvestment in roads, streets and bridges. Funding for highway maintenance and preservation is a major priority. I therefore urge that the level and sources of funding provided for in my budget recommendation be given favorable consideration. While I remain an advocate of direct funding for township road needs under normal economic circumstances, the difficult fiscal situation indicated that such assistance could not be available for the 1983-85 biennium.

Railroad branch line abandonment has become a problem which threatens the very existence of many country elevators. We will continue to oppose all proposed abandonments to ensure that all legal and procedural protections are available to preserve an adequate, comprehensive transportation system for North Dakotans.

A primary responsibility of government is the safety and security of our citizens. Traffic fatalities are one of our major problems. Alcohol has been determined to be a major contributor to this problem. Our enforcement program called RAID has been

very effective and the Governor's Task Force on Drinking and Driving has identified specific areas where strengthening the law could deter some problems. I ask that you carefully review the proposed legislation and give it favorable action.

Regulation of the gambling industry is a major task. The Attorney General has established a strict enforcement policy of the gambling laws. In order to police the gaming operations statewide, the Attorney General requires both the authority and resources to supervise this industry. I request favorable consideration be given to the gaming enforcement appropriation level I have requested in my budget recommendation.

An extensive remodeling program, authorized by the 1981 Legislature has been initiated at the State Penitentiary. This program of capital improvements is needed. I have proposed in my budget recommendations that the program be continued. Improvements in the penitentiary facilities are needed to avoid future litigation which could force actions that would not necessarily be in the interest of North Dakota.

To be an effective tool for the people of North Dakota, state government must adapt itself to a continually changing world and environment. It is important that the occupants of public office change periodically. This is particularly true of the executive branch of state government. I propose an amendment to the State Constitution be presented to the voters which would limit the governor and lieutenant governor and all executive branch state constitutional officers to two successive terms in office. This amendment should be presented to the voters at the 1984 general election and that the amendment affect the 1988 election. In addition the voters should decide through a Constitutional Amendment whether the office of State Treasurer is necessary for the effective conduct of state government.

As I close I cannot help being a bit philosophical. This biennium many difficulties were encountered in meeting the responsibilities of state government. These difficulties were addressed with timely and decisive action which mitigated the adverse impacts. Real progress has been made toward increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of state government in the delivery of basic services. As the trustees of government we must continue to provide for the delivery of essential services in the most effective manner.

Good management is not glamorous - it requires tough decisions and a commitment by the people that they do in fact want efficient government but not a proliferation of government.

Our decisions will be increasingly difficult as we continue to face fiscal and political pressures. We will be functioning in an environment of scarce fiscal resources. We cannot rely on the federal government for financial assistance as we have in the past. It just isn't going to be there.

To meet the challenges of the future we must be prepared to make difficult choices. We will be forced to set aside our personal options and side with the realities of the issues. We must decide now if we are for the well-being of the people, or for the well-being of ourselves. There is no way that we can accommodate everyone. Let's make sure that we render decisions that benefit the majority of North Dakotans.

Thank you.

MOTION

REP. STRINDEN MOVED that the remarks of the Governor be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

Benediction was offered by Rev. Hilary Hacker.

The Joint Session was dissolved by Lt. Governor Sands.

The House reconvened for announcements.

MOTION

REP. BACKES MOVED that the House be on the Ninth order of business, and at the conclusion of the Ninth order, the House stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 1983, which motion prevailed.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1001: A BILL for an Act to appropriate money for the expenses of the legislative branch of government; and declaring an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1002: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various departments and institutions of the state of North Dakota; and declaring an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1003: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying legal expenses of the attorney general; and declaring an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1004: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the board of higher education and various divisions thereof of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1005: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various institutions under the supervision of the board of higher education of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1006: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board of vocational education of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1007: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of community or junior colleges.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1008: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the division of independent study of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1009: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the extension division and the experiment stations of North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science; providing for a transfer of funds from the agriculturally derived alcohol motor fuel tax fund; and to repeal sections 4-14.1-03, 4-14.1-04, and 4-14.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the agricultural products utilization commission.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1010: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of health of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1011: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the council on the arts of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1012: A BILL for an Act to transfer a portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax revenues to the general fund for the cost of administering the motor vehicle fuel tax laws.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1013: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Indian affairs commission of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1014: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of veterans' affairs of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1015: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state laboratories department of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1016: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the aeronautics commission of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1017: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the weather modification board of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1018: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of banking and financial institutions of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1019: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the securities commissioner of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1020: A BILL for an Act making appropriation for defraying the expenses of the predatory animal control of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1021: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the milk stabilization board of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1022: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the livestock sanitary board of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1023: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various agricultural councils and commissions of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1024: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state fair association of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1025: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the economic development commission of the state of North Dakota; and providing for a transfer.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1026: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the abandoned motor vehicles division of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1027: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state seed department and various divisions thereof of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1028: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1029: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway department of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1030: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the upper great plains transportation institute of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1031: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the motor vehicle department of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1032: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commissioner of university and school lands of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1033: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial commission of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1034: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the administrative costs of the public employees retirement system and the group insurance program of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1035: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the administrative costs of the teachers' fund for retirement of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1036: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the job service North Dakota and divisions thereof of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1037: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the workmen's compensation bureau of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1038: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Crime Victims Reparations Act under the supervision of the workmen's compensation bureau of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1039: A BILL for an Act to transfer moneys from the accumulated and undivided profits of the North Dakota mill and elevator association to the general fund of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1040: A BILL for an Act to transfer moneys from the accumulated and undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota to the general fund of the state of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1041: A BILL for an Act to create a budget stabilization fund and provide for its administration.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1042: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to county certification of the homestead tax credit.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1043: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 10-04-06, subsection 5 of section 10-04-07, subsection 2 of section 10-04-08, and subsection 6 of section 10-04-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration and filing fees for securities, securities salesmen, and exempt securities transactions.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1044: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapters 6-01 and 6-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an assessment on state-chartered banks and state-chartered credit unions for additional examinations; and to amend and reenact sections 6-01-17, 6-05-28, subsection 4 of section 6-06-08, and section 6-09-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a yearly assessment on state-chartered banks, and examination fees for trust companies, credit unions, the North Dakota central credit union, and the Bank of North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1045: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 36-09-04, 36-09-13, and 36-09-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to brand recording fees, fees for rerecording brands, and brand book pricing; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1046: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 19-02.1-24, 19-07-02, 19-07-05, 19-07-06, 19-13.1-06, 19-14-04, 19-16.1-03, 19-18-04, 19-20.1-06, and 23-10-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to inspection, license, and registration fees collected by the state laboratories department; and to repeal section 19-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to egg dealers' licenses.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1047: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 39-12-04 of the North Dakota

Century Code, relating to registration requirements of commercial haystack movers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1048: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 43-23-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to license renewals by the real estate commission; and to amend and reenact section 43-23-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees collected by the real estate commission.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1049: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 64-02-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees collected by the department of weights and measures under the public service commission.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1050: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the preparation of reports by state agencies, departments, and institutions charging fees; and to repeal subsection 5 of section 43-02.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of a biennial report by the state board of public accountancy.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1051: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-40.1-16 and 15-40.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the payment of state funds to school districts to fund bus transportation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1052: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-27.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the assessment of agricultural land; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1053: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to protection of property taxpayers and taxing districts; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1054: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-03, 26.1-04, 26.1-05, 26.1-06, 26.1-07, 26.1-08, 26.1-09, 26.1-10, 26.1-11, 26.1-12, 26.1-13, 26.1-14, 26.1-15, 26.1-16, 26.1-17, 26.1-18, 26.1-19, 26.1-20, 26.1-21, 26.1-22, 26.1-23, 26.1-24, and 26.1-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the commissioner of insurance; insurance company general provisions, examinations and reports and the premium tax, prohibited practices, organization and operation, takeover bids, and consolidation, reinsurance, and dissolution; comprehensive health association; reciprocal or interinsurance exchanges; insurance holding company systems; foreign insurance companies; incorporated mutual companies; county mutual insurance companies; medical malpractice mutual insurance company; fraternal benefit societies; benevolent societies; nonprofit health service corporations; health maintenance organizations; prepaid legal service organizations; title insurance companies; state bonding fund; state fire and tornado fund; state unsatisfied judgment fund; the insurance premium; and fire, property, and casualty insurance rates; to repeal sections 6-05-19, 6-05-20, 6-05-21, 6-05-22, 6-05-23, 6-05-24, 6-05-30, 6-05-31, 6-05-32, 6-05-33, chapters 26-01 and 26-04, section 26-05-03, chapters 26-07, 26-08, 26-09, 26-09.1, sections 26-10-02, 26-10-03, 26-10-04, 26-10-05, 26-10-09, 26-10-10, 26-10-11, 26-10-13.1, 26-10-14, 26-10-15, 26-10-16, chapters 26-11, 26-12, 26-14, 26-15, 26-16, 26-16.1, sections 26-17.1-50, 26-17.1-51, 26-17.1-52, 26-17.1-53, 26-18-01, 26-18-02, 26-18-12, chapters 26-20, 26-21, 26-21.1, 26-21.2, 26-23, 26-24, 26-25, 26-26, 26-27, 26-27.1, 26-27.2, 26-27.3, 26-28, 26-29, 26-30, 26-32, 26-37, 26-38, 26-40, and 39-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to insurance; to provide penalties; and to provide an effective date and for transition.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1055: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26-18-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to termination of fire and casualty insurance agency contracts; and to amend and reenact sections 4-36-26, 6-03-48, 6-05-01, 6-05-04, 6-05-08, 6-09.2-10, 6-09.4-15, 7-04-09, 10-30-14, subsection 14 of section 15-10-17, section 15-55-08, subsection 1 of section 23-17.2-03, sections 26-02-46, 26-03-39.3, 26-03-42, 26-03-48.1, subsection 2 of section 26-03.5-02, sections 26-09.2-06, 26-17.1-13, 26-17.1-16, 26-17.1-22, 26-39-02, 26-39-05, 37-03-13, 40-24-19, 40-33.2-10, 40-38.1-07, 40-58-11, 40-61-13, 43-13-31, 54-52-09, subsection 5 of section 54-52.1-01, and sections

54-52.1-10, 61-02-68.13, and 61-02-72 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to references to insurance, insurance companies, and insurance laws.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1056: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-07.1-17, 30.1-02-02, 30.1-32-01, 30.1-32-03, 30.1-32-04, 30.1-33-01, 30.1-33-03, 30.1-33-04, 30.1-33-05, 30.1-33-06, 30.1-34-03, 30.1-34-04, 30.1-34-05, 32-03-28, 33-06-01, 33-06-02, 33-06-03, 33-06-04, 57-27-01, 59-01-11, 59-02-12, 59-02-20, 59-04-02, 59-04-03, 59-04-04, 59-04-08, 59-04-10, 59-04-15, 59-04-24, 59-04-25, 59-04-26, 59-04-27, 59-04-29, 59-04-31, 59-05-28, and 59-05-55, relating to county court jurisdiction over trusts, garnishment, attachment, claim and delivery of property, and forcible detainer cases.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1057: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 25-01.2-14, 25-04-13.1, 27-07.1-11, subsections 7 and 17 of section 30.1-01-06, sections 30.1-28-03, 30.1-28-04, 30.1-28-11, subsection 1 of section 30.1-28-12, sections 30.1-28-13, 30.1-29-08, 30.1-29-20, 30.1-29-21, and 50-06-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements for the individual habilitation plan, to the superintendent of Grafton state school acting as guardian, and a limited guardianship or conservatorship under the Uniform Probate Code; to repeal section 25-04-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the superintendent of Grafton state school acting as guardian; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1058: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 2-04-05, 2-06-10, 4-10-20, subsection 2 of section 4-14-09, subsection 1 of section 4-18.1-04, section 4-18.1-13, subsection 14 of section 4-35-05, section 10-15-23, subsection 4 of section 11-10-10, subsection 6 of section 11-11-14, sections 11-12-02, 11-15-24, 12-60-19, 14-02-10, 14-06.1-12, subsection 4 of section 14-09-09.1, sections 14-10-07, 14-13-03, 15-10-12, 15-10-12.1, 15-10-18, 15-20.1-03, 15-20.4-04, 15-21-13, 15-28-10, 15-34.2-02, 15-34.2-16, 15-40.2-03, 15-40.2-08, 15-40.2-09, 15-41-04, 15-47-06, 15-47-17, 15-52-03, 15-60-01, subsections 4 and 5 of section 15-62.3-01, section 15-62.3-02, subsection 4 of section 15-65-03, section 16.1-03-11, subsection 2 of section 16.1-05-03, sections 20.1-01-22.1, 20.1-01-25.1, 21-03-07, 21-11-08, 23-16-08, 24-08-01, 24-08-05, 25-01.1-17, 25-01.2-03, 25-02-02, 26-08-19, 26-21.2-10, 27-01-01.1, 27-05-01, 27-05-08, 27-05-22, 27-09.1-21,

27-19-08, subsection 5 of section 27-20-02, section 27-20-04, subsection 2 of sections 28-32-03 and 29-06-15, sections 29-30.1-04, 30.1-02-02, 30.1-28-02, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 30.1-28-12, sections 31-01-06.3, 34-05-01.2, 37-25-06, 38-09-15, 38-11-04, 39-04-18, 39-06-19, 39-06-29.1, 39-06-50, subsection 1 of section 39-26-02, sections 40-11-06, 40-11-13, 40-18-06, 40-21-13, 40-24-09, 40-24-16, 40-38.1-09, 40-45-16, subsection 1 of section 41-09-40, sections 43-07-22, 44-08-04, 45-05-03, 47-16-17, 47-18-28, 47-19-14.8, 48-03-03, subsections 18 and 20 of section 50-06-05.1, sections 50-06.2-02, 50-06.2-03, 50-19-01, 50-19-09, 50-20-01, 50-20-02, 50-20-04, 50-20-05, 50-22-02.1, subsection 3 of section 50-25.1-02, sections 51-13-07, 52-01-03, 52-04-13, 52-04-17, subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 52-06-04, sections 52-06-14, 52-06-15, 52-06-16, 52-06-17, 52-06-22, 52-06-37, 52-10-02, 52-10-03, 52-10-04, 52-10-05, 52-10-07, 52-11-01, 54-01-05.2, subsections 4 and 5 of section 54-01-05.5, sections 54-03-10, subsections 1 and 3 of section 54-06-04, section 54-06-04.1, subsections 14, 15, 16, and 17 of section 54-12-01, sections 54-14-01.1, 54-17.1-02, 54-23-24, 54-23-25, 54-27-10, 54-27-11, 54-35-01, 54-35-02.1, 54-35-02.7, 54-48-05, 54-48-06, 55-08-02.1, subsection 1 of sections 57-15-16 and 57-15-17, section 57-51.1-05, subsection 1 of section 57-55-10, sections 57-58-05, 61-07-24, 61-08-12, 61-21-43.1, 61-21-67, 61-24.2-03, 61-24.2-14, and 61-31-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to inaccurate or obsolete references; and to repeal sections 10-18.1-10, 10-28-17, 14-10-18, 14-12.1-41, 15-38.1-15, 19-03.1-42, 23-06.1-08, 26-21.1-14, chapter 26-40.1, sections 27-09.1-19, 27-11-03, 27-11-05, 27-11-16, 27-11-18, 27-11-25, 27-11-26, 27-11-27, 27-20-58, 28-20.1-07, 34-12-13, 38-08-09.14, 40-51.2-19, 43-29-18, 43-33-19, 50-06-05, 54-34.1-06, 59-04.1-15, 61-16-16, 61-16-45, and 61-16-47.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to statutory interpretation, blood donation, medical malpractice, admission to practice of law, the social service board, the state planning division, and water and flood control and culverts; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1059: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 38-14.1-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to deposits to the surface mining and reclamation fund; and to provide for a transfer from the surface mining and reclamation fund to the general fund.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1060: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-11-01 and three new subsections to section

54-44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the state treasurer and the director of the office of management and budget and implementation and operation of an accrual fund accounting system; and to amend and reenact sections 15-10-12, 54-27-08, 54-27-11, and 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an accrual fund accounting system.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1061: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of an operating fund to be used by the state auditor; and to amend and reenact sections 54-10-01, 54-10-13, 54-10-14, and 54-10-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the deposit of fees in the state auditor operating fund.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1062: A BILL for an Act establishing a jail loan program; providing for administration of the program by the attorney general; and appropriating moneys to the office of the attorney general for the program.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1063: A BILL for an Act to provide for payments by the state to counties of a per-day inmate housing cost for persons incarcerated pending trial in or upon sentence from district court; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1064: A BILL for an Act relating to extending state immunity from federal antitrust law to cities and city governing bodies exercising powers delegated to them by state law.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1065: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 54-06-04 and three new sections to chapter 54-46 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duty to submit biennial reports, establishment of a committee on information management, duties of the committee, and the review of state forms; to amend and reenact section 46-01-01, subsection 5 of section 46-01-02, and sections 46-02-09, 54-46-01, 54-46-02, 54-46-03, 54-46-04, 54-46-05, 54-46-06, 54-46-07, 54-46-10, 54-46-11,

54-46-12, 54-46-13, 54-46.1-01, 54-46.1-02, 54-46.1-04, 54-46.1-05, 54-46.1-07, 55-02.1-06, and 55-02.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to purchase of state printing, advisory committee for legal publications handbook, a program for state information management, micrographics services, and archival resources; to repeal sections 54-46-08, 54-46-08.1, 54-46-09, and 54-46.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to procedure for final disposition of records, records found to be archival resources, destruction of nonrecord materials and nonarchival resources, and rules for the central microfilm unit; and to authorize the legislative council to make certain statutory revisions.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1066: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 21-10-06, subsection 2 of section 39-03.1-01, and subsection 7 of section 54-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota highway patrolmen's retirement system; and to repeal section 39-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota highway patrolmen's retirement board.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1067: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-03.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contributions by the state of North Dakota to the highway patrolmen's retirement system.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1068: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new paragraph to subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 26-16.1-03, a new paragraph to subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 26-16.1-04, section 26-16.1-04.1, and a new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, or in the alternative if House Bill No. 1054 is approved by the forty-eighth legislative assembly, a new paragraph to subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 26.1-08-05, a new paragraph to subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 26.1-08-06, section 26.1-08-06.1, and a new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to elimination of coverage for experimental medical and surgical procedures, maximum benefits of a qualified medicare extended plan, and an income tax credit for comprehensive health association assessments; to amend and reenact section 26-01-11, subsection 12 of section 26-16.1-01, section 26-16.1-05, subsection 2 of section 26-16.1-07, subsection 4 of section 26-16.1-08, section

26-16.1-09, and subsection 4 of section 26-16.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, or in the alternative if House Bill No. 1054 is approved by the forty-eighth legislative assembly, section 26.1-03-17, subsection 10 of section 26.1-08-01, subsection 2 of section 26.1-08-03, sections 26.1-08-04 and 26.1-08-08, subsection 4 of section 26.1-08-09, and subsection 4 of section 26.1-08-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a premium tax credit for comprehensive health association assessments, to the definition of qualified plan, to limiting association premiums to one hundred twenty-five percent of established rates, to the payment of claim expenses in excess of premiums allocated for the payment of benefits, to the maximum benefits of the comprehensive health insurance plan, and to a waiting period; to repeal subsection 3 of section 26-16.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, or in the alternative if House Bill No. 1054 is approved by the forty-eighth legislative assembly to repeal subsection 3 of section 26.1-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contracts of reinsurance; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1069: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-16 and a new section to chapter 50-18 of the North Dakota Century Code to allow residents of long-term care facilities to choose their pharmacist.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1070: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 23-17.3-01 and a new section to chapter 23-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a definition of director and a sliding scale payment program for home health care and requiring the department of human services to adopt rules to implement the program; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1071: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 57-37.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to coordinating state and federal estate tax provisions; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1072: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 57-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consolidation of provisions of the Special Fuels Tax Act, the special fuels tax levy, and the Importers for Use Tax Act; to repeal chapters 57-52, 57-53, and 57-54.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the special fuels tax, the special fuels tax levy, and the importers for use tax; and to provide penalties.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Legislative Council introduced:

HB 1073: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 57-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consolidation of provisions of the motor fuels tax law and the importers for use tax law; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to distribution of the oil and gas gross production tax; to repeal chapters 57-50, 57-54, and 57-54.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor fuel tax refunds, motor vehicle fuel tax, and importers for use tax; and to provide penalties.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Higher Education Study Commission introduced:

HB 1074: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of administrative agency; and to repeal chapter 15-20.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the postsecondary education commission.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Higher Education Study Commission introduced:

HB 1075: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, requiring the appointment of an education committee of the legislative council; and to amend and reenact sections 15-10-12.1, 15-10-18, and 15-59-05.2, and subsection 4 of section 15-65-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to involvement of the education committee of the legislative council with acceptance of buildings and campus improvements, nonresident tuition at institutions of higher education, interagency agreement reports, and authority of the educational broadcasting council.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Higher Education Study Commission introduced:

HB 1076: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the state board of higher education to enter into agreements with regional education compacts.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Rep. L. Hanson introduced:

HB 1077: A BILL for an Act to provide a penalty for the storage of the bark of American or Siberian elm or the wood from American or Siberian elms with the bark attached.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Kingsbury introduced:

HB 1078: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 49-09-04.1, 49-09-04.2, and 49-09-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abandonment of railway lines and right of way, trust agreements, sales, and removal of abandoned materials; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reps. Hausauer, Peterson, Sen. Thane introduced:

HB 1079: A BILL for an Act relating to transfers to the state capital construction fund; and declaring an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Kloubec introduced:

HB 1080: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 61-04-03 and 61-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water permit applications and notice of such applications.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1081: A BILL for an Act to require production of oil and gas underlying lands contained in spacing units.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1082: A BILL for an Act to require that certain information accompany any payment made to a royalty owner for the purchase of oil or gas produced from a royalty owner's interest in land; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1083: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-16-39.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to obligations of oil and gas producers to deposit unpaid royalties in an escrow account which may be designated by the mineral owner.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1084: A BILL for an Act to provide for the termination of mineral rights in land owned by persons other than the owners of the surface and for the vesting of title to dormant mineral rights in the surface owners in the absence of appropriate developmental activities or the filing of a notice of claim of interest within a specified period.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Natural Resources**.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HB 1085: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, providing for an income tax credit for qualified renters; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Finance and Taxation**.

Rep. Mertens introduced:

HB 1086: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 19-01-09, 19-01-10, 19-02.1-21, 19-08-01, 19-08-02, 19-08-03, and 19-08-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of beverages by the state laboratories department.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on State and Federal Government**.

Rep. Retzer, Sen. Todd introduced:

HB 1087: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 51-13-01 and 51-13-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions and requirements as to retail installment sale contracts; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor**.

Rep. Rice introduced:

HB 1088: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06-35, paragraph 5 of subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10, and subsection 5 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to suspension of operator's license for driving while under the influence and adjudication of charges for driving while under the influence.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Judiciary**.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1089: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-51.1-01 and 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemption of royalty owners and independent producers from the oil extraction tax.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Finance and Taxation**.

Rep. L. Hanson introduced:

HB 1090: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 20.1-03-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemptions from hunting, fishing, or trapping license requirements.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Rice introduced:

HB 1091: A BILL for an Act to require a deposit on glass beer containers; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HB 1092: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a property tax credit for persons serving as cooperative observers for the national weather service; to provide an appropriation; to provide a contingency for proration of payments; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HB 1093: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 54-44.3-12.3 and a new section to chapter 54-44.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, providing a location for the listing of state classified job vacancies and eliminating or replacing personnel or positions by newly appointed or elected officials; to amend and reenact sections 54-44.3-03, 54-44.3-07, 54-44.3-12, and 54-44.3-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the structure of the state personnel board and the duties of the state personnel board and the director of the central personnel division; to provide for the expiration of the terms of the current board members; and to repeal section 54-44.3-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the election of state personnel board members.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HB 1094: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-52-05, 54-52-06, and 54-52-06.1, and subsection 4 of section 54-52-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to membership and assessments, employer's contributions, contributions by supreme and district court judges, and formulation of the retirement plan for the public employees retirement system.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. Mertens introduced:

HB 1095: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-39.1-09, 39-03.1-09, 39-03.1-10, 54-52-05, 54-52-06, and 54-52-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the employer payment of required employee contributions to the teachers', highway patrolmen's, and public employees retirement systems.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. O. Hanson introduced:

HB 1096: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-03.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to benefits under the North Dakota highway patrolmen's retirement system.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. Hausauer introduced:

HB 1097: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-46-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to city employee pension plans; and to repeal section 40-46-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the mill levy limitation for city employee pension funds in cities which have not adopted civil service systems for city employees.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1098: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06.1-02, subsections 4 and 5 of section 39-06.1-03, section 39-06.1-04, subsections 3 and 6 of section 39-06.1-06, subsections 1 and 3 of section 39-06.1-10, and subsection 1 of section 39-06.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the removal of point assessment against the driver's license for noncriminal violations.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1099: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-52-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the deposit of moneys with the state treasurer.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. Melby introduced:

HB 1100: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 63-01.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the preventing of dissemination of noxious weeds.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Rep. Melby introduced:

HB 1101: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 4-12-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a two-mile radius restriction for the establishment of commercial apiary locations.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Rep. Conmy introduced:

HB 1102: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-06-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the grounds for revocation or refusal to grant a license to practice chiropractic.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1103: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-16-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to actions to obtain release of mineral lease.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. Retzer, Sen. Todd introduced:

HB 1104: A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 4-10.2-03.1, 4-10.2-05.1, and 4-10.2-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota sunflower research commission; to amend and reenact sections 4-10.2-01, 4-10.2-02, 4-10.2-06, 4-10.2-08, 4-10.2-09, 4-10.2-11, 4-10.2-12, and 4-10.2-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative policy, definitions, expenditure of funds, sunflower assessments and refunds, and records; to provide a penalty; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Rep. Lipsiea introduced:

HB 1105: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision 1 of subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to adjustments to taxable income for retired military personnel pay; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Rep. Melby introduced:

HB 1106: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and records of such crimes.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1107: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-52-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of the phrase "account balance"; and to amend and reenact subsections 7 and 8 of section 54-52-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to distribution of account balances.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1108: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 54-52-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the benefits payable to a surviving spouse.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1109: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-39.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to postretirement adjustments under the teachers' fund for retirement; and to amend and reenact sections 15-39.1-10 and 15-39.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the eligibility for benefits and vesting of the right to retirement benefits under the teachers' fund for retirement.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1110: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to college teachers retired under the provisions of chapter 15-39 of the North Dakota Century Code purchasing military service credit as provided in section 15-39.1-24 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1111: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-14-03.3 and 37-14-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the veterans' aid fund and the use of the interest from the fund for the purpose of collecting delinquent loans, and relating to the ability of the department of veterans' affairs to collect and compromise veterans' aid fund loans.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1112: A BILL for an Act to authorize the board of university and school lands and the North Dakota parks and recreation department to exchange certain lands in Oliver and McKenzie Counties.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1113: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 37-15-02 and subsection 3 of section 37-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to admission to the North Dakota soldiers' home.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1114: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-06-05, 43-06-08, 43-06-09, 43-06-10, 43-06-12, and 43-06-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the board of chiropractic examiners and relating to licensure of chiropractors.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1115: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disaster response and recovery costs.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1116: A BILL for an Act to authorize the reimbursement to the local political subdivisions for the state's ten percent share as per federal agreement covering flood recovery operations that were conducted in North Dakota following the spring flood of 1982; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1117: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to waiver of fee charges in North Dakota institutions of higher education for dependents of disabled or deceased veterans, prisoners of war, or veterans declared missing in action.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1118: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to membership on the state historical board.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. Knudson introduced:

HB 1119: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-39.1-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to additional retirement credit for teachers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1120: A BILL for an Act to provide a statement of legislative intent; to create and provide for distribution of a native American alcohol and drug abuse education program for use on Indian reservations; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1121: A BILL for an Act to create and enact eighteen new sections to chapter 55-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to park restrictions and enforcement.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Rep. Unhjem introduced:

HB 1122: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-37.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to access to the safe deposit box of a decedent.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1123: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-11-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the library of the law college.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1124: A BILL for an Act to repeal subsection 3 of section 52-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unemployment compensation benefits charged to base-period employers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1125: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 15-10-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the requirement that the board of higher education require notes from veterinary medicine, optometry, or dental students.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1126: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 11 and 12 of section 52-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to denial of unemployment compensation benefits to nonprofessional employees of an institution of higher education between academic terms.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1127: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of nonresident students for tuition purposes at state institutions of higher learning.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1128: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 13 of section 15-10-17, subsection 1 of section 54-14-04.3, and section 54-52.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contributions toward the cost of annuity contracts, severance pay upon retirement of tenured faculty employees at state institutions, and payment of group insurance premium for tenured faculty employees of state institutions of higher learning.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Rep. Unhjem introduced:

HB 1129: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the rulemaking authority of the department of human services; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 14-15-01, subsections 3 and 9 of section 14-15-16, of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of genetic parent, issuance of a certified copy of a decree of adoption, and the release of identifying information regarding an adult sibling.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Unhjem introduced:

HB 1130: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidential information received by hospital utilization committees and internal hospital quality assurance review committees.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. Unhjem introduced:

HB 1131: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-13-12, 11-13-13, and 11-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the prohibition against recording certain instruments prior to the payment of delinquent taxes assessed against the property described in those instruments.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Rep. Unhjem introduced:

HB 1132: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 25-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the admittance of mentally ill persons to the state hospital.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HB 1133: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 14 of the North Dakota Century Code, prohibiting discriminatory practices with respect to residential housing.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HB 1134: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-06-28, 39-06-31, 39-06-39, 39-06-42, subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10, 39-06.1-11, and subsections 2 and 4 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the penalty and the impoundment of motor vehicles following conviction of driving while license is suspended or revoked or for driving while intoxicated.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Finance and Taxation introduced:

HB 1135: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to withholding sums for income tax withholding purposes from wages of an employee who voluntarily elects withholding.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1136: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-05.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration and fees of lobbyists.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on Agriculture introduced:

HB 1137: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 10-15-36 and 10-15-54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to annual reports, filing thereof, fees, and penalties of cooperatives.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1138: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the game and fish commissioner.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1139: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 20.1-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the colors to be

displayed by hunters of wild turkeys; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1140: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 6 and 10 of section 20.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definitions of game and harmful wild birds.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1141: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 20.1-03-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the taking and transporting of game birds by nonresidents.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1142: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 10-31-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to annual report fees for professional corporations.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1143: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 62-01-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the prohibition of weapons in liquor establishments and gaming sites.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1144: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of records of law enforcement agencies.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1145: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 10-23-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to miscellaneous charges in the Business Corporation Act.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Rep. L. Hanson introduced:

HB 1146: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-54-14 and 57-54-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transferring a portion of motor fuel taxes collected to a state boat fund; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Reps. Hughes, R. Anderson, Sen. Bakewell introduced:

HB 1147: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the requirements for a resident general game, fur-bearer, or fishing license.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Rep. E. Pomeroy introduced:

HB 1148: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-11-01 and 16.1-11-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the primary election; and to repeal sections 16.1-11-02, 16.1-11-03, 16.1-11-04, 16.1-11-07, 16.1-11-23, and 16.1-11-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the presidential preference primary.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. O. Hanson, Sen. Adams introduced:

HB 1149: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of wages subject to workmen's compensation payments by employers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1150: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-32-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to organizational fines which may be imposed upon conviction of an organization.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1151: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-36 and a new subsection to section 19-03.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to property traceable to controlled substances which is subject to forfeiture and to the presumption that property in close proximity to controlled substances are forfeitable.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1152: A BILL for an Act to impose civil penalties upon persons who knowingly make or cause to be made false claims for payment of moneys upon or against the state of North Dakota, its departments, or political subdivisions and to provide for the additional assessment of costs and attorneys' fees.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1153: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-07.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to multicounty agreements to share the services of a county judge.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1154: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 24-15-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to minimum requirements for temporary roadblocks.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1155: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 40-57-09 and sections 40-57-10 and 40-57-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to municipal industrial development bonds.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1156: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-22-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to protests against municipal improvements by special assessments.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1157: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-12-08, 54-12-10, 54-12-11, and 54-12-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the office of attorney general and the appointment and compensation of assistant attorneys general and special assistant attorneys general; and to repeal section 49-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to attorneys for the public service commission.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1158: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 39-21-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to lighting on emergency and military vehicles.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1159: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-09-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the restoration of abandoned railroad right of way.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1160: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 29-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a peace officer.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1161: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to district board of health.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1162: A BILL for an Act to repeal subsection 5 of section 25-03.1-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the emergency mental commitment procedure.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1163: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 37-01-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of who is a veteran.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1164: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 62-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the disposition of weapons taken or found on persons arrested.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor

HB 1165: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 51-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transient merchants.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1166: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivisions b and c of subsection 1 of section 6-09-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the power of the Bank of North Dakota to make and participate in loans.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1167: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 2-05-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to aircraft and ultralight vehicle registration fees, distribution of proceeds; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1168: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 19-01-03 and 19-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the employment of the director and assistant director of the state laboratories department by the governor; and to repeal subsection 1 of section 19-01-01 and sections 19-01-02 and 19-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state laboratories commission and the legislative intent for the state laboratories department to serve as a consumer affairs office.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1169: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 11-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salaries of state's attorneys.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1170: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 49-05-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to information required of a public utility requesting an increase in its rates.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1171: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12-47-03, 12-48.1-02, 12-54.1-03, 39-01-02, and 54-21-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the service of process in the penitentiary by law enforcement officers or the warden's designee, short leaves for state farm inmates, good time for penitentiary inmates as a control and security measure, penitentiary vehicles and cars, contracts for services with private or other correctional facilities, and the exchange and transfer of prisoners.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1172: A BILL for an Act to repeal sections 20.1-02-19, 20.1-02-20, 20.1-02-21, and 20.1-02-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to removal proceedings for game and fish department employees.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1173: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to

fees and expenses incurred by a sheriff or his deputy in transporting escaped persons from a state facility.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1174: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 61-28-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water pollution permit fees.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1175: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 12-62-01.1 and a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the collection of crime statistics and creating a consumer fraud and antitrust division of the attorney general's office; and to amend and reenact sections 12-60-05 and 12-60-17 and subsection 14 of section 54-12-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the power of the attorney general to act as superintendent of the bureau of criminal investigation; and to repeal sections 12-60-13.1, 12-60-19, and 12-60-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consumer fraud, training, and statistics.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1176: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to going out-of-business sales.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1177: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to credentials of persons in medical radiation technology; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Reps. Conmy, Unhjem, Halmrast introduced:

HB 1178: A BILL for an Act to adopt the Uniform Determination of Death Act, relating to the legal requirements for determination of death.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1179: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 11-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bonds of county officers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1180: A BILL for an Act to repeal sections 15-21-11, 15-21-12, 15-22-03, 15-22-05, 15-22-19, and 15-38-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changes in the powers and duties of the county superintendents.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1181: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-21-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school district supplies.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1182: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 39-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to residency for driver's license matters; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-06-03.1 and section 39-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of a nondriver photo identification card at age sixteen and the renewal of drivers' licenses.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1183: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-24-03, 39-24-09.1, 39-24-10, and 39-24-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the registration, operation, and enforcement of snowmobile laws; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1184: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15-40.2-03, sections 15-40.2-08 and 15-40.2-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tuition payments, residency determination in child placement cases by a three-member committee, and attendance in public schools or institutions of bordering states.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1185: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 65-04-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to premium payments in default; and to amend and reenact section 65-04-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to installment payments of premiums.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1186: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 65-04-05, 65-04-06, 65-04-14, 65-04-15, and 65-04-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payroll information from employers and reporting of same.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Appropriations introduced:

HB 1187: A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state crime laboratory in the office of the attorney general.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1188: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-20-01, 39-20-02, 39-20-04, 39-20-05, 39-20-07, 39-20-08, 39-20-09, and 39-20-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to chemical tests for intoxication, implied consent.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1189: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-03-04, 39-03.1-07, 39-03.1-09, 39-03.1-18, 39-04-40, 39-04.1-07, 39-05-32, 39-12-01, 39-12-02, 39-12-05.1, 39-12-06, 39-12-07, subsections 1 and 2 of section 39-18-05, sections 39-19-01, 39-19-04, and 49-18-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the classification of truck regulatory employees, the appointment of highway patrolmen, the highway patrol retirement plans, enforcement of motor vehicle registration, and title registration laws, establishment of the highway patrol as enforcement agency for size, width and height restrictions, issuance of trip permits to oversize vehicles, changing the agency for execution and administration of reciprocal agreements, and enforcement of laws concerning motor carriers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1190: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-10-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the audit of political subdivisions.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1191: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of certain documents pertaining to the letting of public contracts.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1192: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 40-40-05, 40-40-08, 40-40-09, and 40-40-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to budget requirements of municipalities; and to repeal section 40-40-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to municipal liabilities that occur before the final appropriation is approved.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1193: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15-34.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transportation of nonresident students.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1194: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 26-41-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the assigned claims plan.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1195: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26-41 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Automobile Reparations Act, and to amend and reenact section 26-02-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to uninsured motorist coverage.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1196: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 38-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the surety bond for geophysical exploration.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1197: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vehicles approaching or entering freeways.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1198: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 38-08-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the power of the industrial

commission to require the restoration of drilling and production sites.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1199: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 38-08-09.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ratification of unit agreements.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Finance and Taxation introduced:

HB 1200: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 57-51.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of property for extraction tax purposes.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1201: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-52-04 and 57-54-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1202: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 29-04-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prosecution for felonies other than murder within three years.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1203: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 38-08-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pooling of unleased mineral interest owners.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1204: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 21-03-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the terms of municipal general obligation bonds.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1205: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 35-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the foreclosure by the state of a real property mortgage by advertisement.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1206: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 2-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration of airmen; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1207: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-06-02 and 54-01-13.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to appraisers and appraisals.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1208: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-02-07, 27-11-01, 27-11-13, 27-11-17, and 27-11-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the supreme court's authority to adopt rules relating to the practice of law, the penalty for practicing law without a license, the certificate of admission and licensure fee requirements for the practice of law, and the powers of the state bar board; and to repeal sections 27-11-02, 27-11-03, 27-11-05, 27-11-16, 27-11-18, 27-11-25, 27-11-26, and 27-11-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to qualifications, examinations, and procedures for admission to the bar.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Natural Resources introduced:

HB 1209: A BILL for an Act to cancel and declare forfeited water permit number 3134, relating to the right of the North Dakota parks and recreation department to take water from the Turtle River; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1210: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 10-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the protection of minority shareholders.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Rep. Kingsbury, Sen Tallackson introduced:

HB 1211: A BILL for an Act relating to the general responsibility of state government for the care, treatment, and education of developmentally disabled persons; and to repeal chapter 25-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to treatment, services, habilitation, and rights of developmentally disabled persons.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1212: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-12-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing deadline to withdraw from a nomination.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Judiciary**.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1213: A BILL for an Act to create and enact four new sections to chapter 60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bonds, insurance cancellation, license revocation and suspension, and credit-sale contracts of public grain warehousemen; to amend and reenact sections 60-02-01, 60-02-03, 60-02-07, 60-02-09, 60-02-10, 60-02-11, 60-02-12, 60-02-13, 60-02-14, 60-02-16, 60-02-24, 60-02-25, 60-02-30, 60-02-31, 60-02-32, 60-02-35, 60-02-36, 60-02-39, 60-02-40, and 60-02-41 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the license and operation of public grain warehouses; and to repeal sections 60-02-06, 60-02-08, 60-02-15, and 60-02-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to track buyers and to rules and warehouse receipts for public grain warehousemen.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor**.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1214: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 21-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legal investments of the state investment board.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on State and Federal Government**.

Committee on Agriculture introduced:

HB 1215: A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 60-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the public service commission, credit-sale contracts, and complaint procedures against roving grain or hay buyers; to amend and reenact sections 60-03-01, 60-03-02, 60-03-03, 60-03-04, 60-03-06, and 60-03-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing, bonding, and regulation of roving grain or hay buyers; and to repeal sections 60-03-07 and 60-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to rules and the revocation procedure governing roving grain or hay buyers; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Agriculture**.

Committee on Agriculture introduced:

HB 1216: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 60-04, and section 60-04-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to possession of grain of an insolvent warehouseman and establishment of a trust fund; and to amend and reenact sections 60-04-01, 60-04-02, 60-04-03, 60-04-04, 60-04-05, 60-04-06, 60-04-07, 60-04-08, 60-04-09, and 60-04-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,

relating to insolvent warehousemen and the marshaling of the trust assets of an insolvent grain warehouseman.
Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1217: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 62-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the sale and use of explosives; and to repeal section 62-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to carrying concealed explosives.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1218: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pneumoconiosis claims, and closing of claims and destruction of records; to amend and reenact sections 65-02-09, 65-05-05, and 65-05-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to general information and biennial reports, payments to insured employees including pneumoconiosis claims, and nondependency payments; and to repeal section 65-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compensation determined by courts.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1219: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 55-01 and a new subsection to section 55-02-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to employees of the state historical board as peace officers and to duties of the superintendent; to amend and reenact sections 55-01-02 and 55-01-06, subsections 4, 5, and 7 of section 55-02-01.2, sections 55-02-03 and 55-02-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the state historical board and duties of the superintendent; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1220: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 55-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the protection of cultural resources; and to amend and reenact sections 55-03-01, 55-03-02, 55-03-03, 55-03-04, and 55-03-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the protection of cultural resources.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1221: A BILL for an Act to provide a state fire code for North Dakota; to amend and reenact section 54-21.3-04 of

the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemptions from the state building code; and to repeal sections 15-35-02, 15-35-03, 15-35-04, 15-35-05, 15-35-06, 18-12-06, 18-12-07, 18-12-08, 18-12-09, 18-12-10, 18-12-11, 18-12-12, 18-12-13, 18-12-14, 18-12-15, 18-12-16, 18-12-17, 18-12-18, 18-12-19, 18-12-20, 18-12-21, 18-12-22, subsections 1, 2, and 3 of section 18-12-25, sections 23-09-03, 23-09-04, 23-09-06, 23-09-07, 23-15-01, 23-15-02, 23-15-03, and 23-15-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school buildings and fire prevention, a fire prevention code for school buildings, hotels and lodging houses, and fireworks.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1222: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6 of chapter 208 of the 1979 Session Laws of North Dakota, relating to the sale of the Dickinson experiment station property by the state board of higher education; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Agriculture introduced:

HB 1223: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 63-01.1-05, subsection 3 of section 63-01.1-06.2, subsection 3 of section 63-01.1-06.5, subsection 5 of section 63-01.1-08, and section 63-01.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to noxious weed control.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Committee on Education introduced:

HB 1224: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 15-40.1-06, and subsection 1 of section 15-40.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to educational support per pupil and aid for transportation.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1225: A BILL for an Act to authorize the commissioner of insurance to determine jurisdiction of providers of health care benefits.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1226: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 26-17.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administrators of life or health insurance coverage or annuities; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1227: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26-17.1-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to renewal of appointments and annual fees; and to amend and reenact sections 26-17.1-06, 26-17.1-07, 26-17.1-12, 26-17.1-13, 26-17.1-14, 26-17.1-15, 26-17.1-18, 26-17.1-20, 26-17.1-28, 26-17.1-31, 26-17.1-32, 26-17.1-33, 26-17.1-35, 26-17.1-41, and 26-17.1-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the qualifications and procedures for the licensing of insurance agents, insurance brokers, surplus lines insurance brokers, insurance consultants, and limited insurance representatives; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Transportation introduced:

HB 1228: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 39-06-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to restrictions upon the use of drivers' licenses issued to individuals less than sixteen years of age.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1229: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing drug manufacturers or wholesalers.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1230: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to continuing pharmaceutical education.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1231: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 11-18-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees of the register of deeds' office.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1232: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 26-09.2-04, 26-09.2-05, and 26-09.2-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements for the utilization of surplus lines insurance.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Judiciary introduced:

HB 1233: A BILL for an Act to create and enact four new sections to chapter 12.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,

relating to mental disease or defect as a defense in a criminal action; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-04-06, 12.1-04-07, and 12.1-04-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to mental illness as a defense; and to repeal section 12.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to mental disease or defect.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Judiciary**.

Committee on Political Subdivisions introduced:

HB 1234: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payments by the state to the governing bodies of jails and juvenile detention centers of per-day inmate housing costs for persons incarcerated in a jail or juvenile detention center; to appropriate moneys to the office of the attorney general for such purposes; and to provide for proration of appropriated moneys.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Political Subdivisions**.

Rep. Strinden introduced:

HB 1235: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 53-06.1, a new section to chapter 57-36, a new section to chapter 57-39.2, a new section to chapter 57-40.2, a new section to chapter 57-40.3, a new section to chapter 57-51, a new section to chapter 57-51.1, a new section to chapter 57-60, and a new section to chapter 57-61 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a deduction allowed taxpayers for expenses associated with collection and payment of tax as due under the games of chance tax, tobacco products tax, sales tax, use tax, motor vehicle excise tax, oil and gas gross production tax, oil extraction tax, privilege tax on coal conversion facilities, and coal severance tax; and to amend and reenact sections 53-06.1-12, 57-36-25, 57-36-26, 57-36-27, 57-36-28, subsection 6 of section 57-39.2-01, sections 57-39.2-06, 57-39.2-11, 57-39.2-12, subsection 5 of section 57-39.2-14, sections 57-39.2-27, 57-40.2-07, 57-40.2-17, subsection 3 of section 57-40.3-11, sections 57-51-05, 57-51-06, 57-51-17, 57-60-05, 57-61-01, 57-61-02, and 57-61-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, to provide for monthly returns and payment of games of chance tax, tobacco products tax, sales tax, use tax, motor vehicle excise tax, oil and gas gross production tax, privilege tax on coal conversion facilities, and coal severance tax.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Committee on Finance and Taxation**.

Reps. Kingsbury, Solberg introduced:

HB 1236: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-18-06.1 and 50-24.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state financial responsibility for boarding home care costs and costs related to the care of developmentally disabled persons.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Reps. E. Pomeroy, Horgan introduced:

HB 1237: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 65-05-09, 65-06-01, 65-06-02, 65-06-03, 65-06-04, 65-06-05, 65-07-01, 65-07-03, 65-07-04, 65-07.1-01, 65-07.1-02, and 65-07.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workmen's compensation coverage of volunteers and participants in vocational training, special education, or work evaluation programs; and to repeal chapter 65-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workmen's compensation coverage of civil air patrol members.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor introduced:

HB 1238: A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsections 4 and 5 to section 26-02-32, sections 26-02-38.1, 26-02-38.2, 26-02-38.3, 26-02-47, 26-02-48, 26-02-49, 26-02-50, 26-02-51, 26-02-52, 26-02-53, 26-02-54, 26-02-55, 26-02-56, 26-02-57, 26-02-58, 26-02-59, and 26-02-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the declination, termination, and cancellation of property and casualty insurance policies; and to amend and reenact sections 26-02-33, 26-02-34, 26-02-35, 26-02-36, and 26-02-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the declination, termination, and cancellation of automobile insurance policies; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Committee on State and Federal Government introduced:

HB 1239: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 12-48-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, authorizing the governor to appoint a penitentiary industry advisory committee; and to amend and reenact section 12-48-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, providing for the disposition of the penitentiary farming, ranching, industry, and inmate hobby products.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs introduced:

HB 1240: A BILL for an Act entering into the Midwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Martinson introduced:

HB 1241: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 43-37-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to volunteer audiology screening.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Unhjem introduced:

HB 1242: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-11-10, 16.1-11-18, 16.1-11-19, 16.1-12-02, 16.1-12-09, and 16.1-13-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a written statement required of a candidate affirming the candidate meets all constitutional and statutory qualifications for the office sought.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Legislative Council introduced:

HCR 3001: A concurrent resolution directing a Legislative Council study and revision of the insurance laws remaining in Title 26 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Industry, Business, and Labor.

Legislative Council introduced:

HCR 3002: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to create a special Legislative Council interim committee to conduct a study of the impacts on North Dakota from the proposed Tenneco coal gasification plant at Wibaux, Montana.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Higher Education Study Commission introduced:

HCR 3003: A concurrent resolution setting forth statewide goals for postsecondary education.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Higher Education Study Commission introduced:

HCR 3004: A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Council, the State Board of Higher Education, the State Board for Vocational Education, and the Office of Management and Budget to conduct a study to determine the adequacy and the appropriateness of the funding of postsecondary education and to develop a long-range plan for future funding of postsecondary education in North Dakota.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Rep. Serenus Hoffner introduced:

HCR 3005: A concurrent resolution for the amendment of article IV, section 36 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, relating to appropriation bills.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Revision.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HCR 3006: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to distribute part of revenues from the windfall profit tax to states producing the oil.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Reps. Melby, Koehn, Sen. Streibel introduced:

HCR 3007: A concurrent resolution that the Legislative Assembly join the Coalition for Peace Through Strength to work with other state legislatures for the adoption of a national strategy of peace through strength.

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Federal Government.

The House stood adjourned pursuant to Rep. Backes' motion.

CHARLES FLEMING, Chief Clerk