

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1 (Saugstad, Solberg)

SESSION LAWS AND CODE

A resolution providing copies of the North Dakota Century Code and the 1955, 1957 and 1959 Session Laws for the use of the various committees of the house of representatives.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

WHEREAS, the house of representatives in its deliberations and in its various committee meetings often finds it necessary to refer to the code and for that reason a code should be available for such use;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

That the secretary of the state be authorized and directed to furnish twenty copies of the North Dakota Century Code and twenty copies of the 1955, 1957 and 1959 Session Laws to be distributed in the house chambers and to the various committee rooms of the house of representatives, each volume to be stamped or labeled "Property of the State of North Dakota", and under the custody of the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the various committee chairmen using the same, whose duty it shall be, at the close of the session, to deliver them to the secretary of state to be kept by him for the use of succeeding sessions of the legislature, and that a copy of this resolution duly certified by the chief clerk of the house be delivered to the secretary of state as his authority for furnishing same.

Filed January 6, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 2

(Burvee, Bratcher, Stallman, Haugen, Renfrow, Mueller, Idso,
(Frank, Bye, Baldwin, Diehl, Saugstad, Johnson, Breum)

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

A resolution directing the chief clerk of the house of representatives to provide identification tags for all members and employees of the house.

WHEREAS, it is difficult for the members of the house of representatives and the employees thereof to recognize one another; and

WHEREAS, it would be very helpful if identification tags were provided to each member and employee of the house of representatives;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the chief clerk of the house is hereby directed to procure as soon as possible white identification tags for all members and employees of the house of representatives and all employees shall wear such tags during all duty hours.

Filed January 10, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 3

(Link, Wolf, Solberg, Saugstad)

INAUGURATION COMMENDATION

A resolution expressing appreciation to the adjutant general, the national guard, and the governor's reception and ball committee for their activities in making the inauguration activities a success.

WHEREAS, Major General Heber L. Edwards, North Dakota adjutant general, and the North Dakota national guard have for many sessions handled the governor's inaugural program in a most commendable manner; and

WHEREAS, they have again on January 4, 1961, performed these duties with finesse, dignity, and courtesy toward both the retiring governor, Honorable John E. Davis and his family and the incoming governor, Honorable William L. Guy and his family, as well as the other elected state officials; and

WHEREAS, the governor's reception and ball committee planned and made the governor's reception and ball an outstanding event;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the house of representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota does hereby express its thanks and appreciation to Major General Heber L. Edwards and the national guard and to the governor's reception and ball committee and to all others who furnished numbers for the programs or assisted in any way with the success of these events.

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be printed in the journal and that properly authenticated copies be sent to Major General Heber L. Edwards and Mrs. Charles Conrad, chairman of the governor's reception and ball committee.

Filed January 11, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 4

(Scott, Breum, Idso)

PHOTOGRAPHER

A resolution to appoint an official photographer for the house of representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

WHEREAS, for historical purposes it has been the custom of all North Dakota legislative assemblies to have composite group pictures made of all members of such assemblies, and

WHEREAS, Mason Owens Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, offers to make a large composite group picture of the members of the house of representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly, size forty-nine by thirty-eight inches, composite framed and ready to hang, and one hundred seventeen, eleven by fourteen inches, copies of said picture for each member and desk force of the house, and one five by seven inch print of each representative for the state historical society, at a total cost of nine hundred nineteen dollars and fifty cents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Mason Owens Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, be and is hereby appointed official photographer for the North Dakota house of representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Be It Further Resolved, that Mason Owens Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, be and is hereby awarded the sole privilege of photographing members of the house of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly at a total cost of nine hundred nineteen dollars and fifty cents, to be taken out of legislative expenses.

Filed January 25, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 5

(Olson, Stallman, Breum)

ELECTION OPINION

A house resolution requesting an opinion from the attorney general in regard to elections held in the Ninth and Tenth Legislative Districts for the election of members of the legislative assembly.

WHEREAS, the exercise of the inherent political power of the people as guaranteed in section 2 of the Constitution of the state of North Dakota is completely dependent upon their rights in exercising their elective franchise as protected under the provisions of sections 20, 121, and article 36 of the Amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, if at any election, it is impossible for the people to exercise their right to vote for their designated representatives in the legislative assembly because of mistaken designations of legislative districts, legislative candidates, and intermixing of territory of more than one legislative district within the same voting precincts, their constitutional rights and guarantees are frustrated; and

WHEREAS, because of an unfortunate mistake in determining the boundaries of the Ninth and Tenth Legislative Districts, it appears that several thousand electors of the Tenth Legislative District were unable to cast their ballots for their legislative candidates and by error cast their ballots for legislative candidates of the Ninth District; and

WHEREAS, one member of the house of representatives is in the unfortunate and embarrassing position of living within the boundaries of the Tenth District, but is seated as a state representative of the Ninth District; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the house of representatives under the requirements of section 47 of the North Dakota Constitution to be the judge of election returns and qualifications of its own members for the purpose of protecting the rights guaranteed under sections 2, 20, 121, and article 36 of the Amendments and other provisions of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of removing any doubt as to whether the elections in question were actually valid elections within the meaning of the Constitution and statutes of this state, it appears desirable to seek an opinion of the attorney general;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

The attorney general is hereby requested to render an opinion to the house of representatives upon the question of whether the election held for the purpose of electing members of the legislative assembly in the Ninth and Tenth Districts was a valid election and whether the members of the legislative assembly from the Ninth and Tenth Districts were actually elected thereby.

Filed February 4, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 7

(Committee on Delayed Bills)

SOUTH DAKOTA

A resolution expressing appreciation to the state of South Dakota for making members of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota honorary citizens of South Dakota and accepting the privileges extended.

WHEREAS, the governor and the centennial commission of the state of South Dakota have declared each member of the North Dakota house of representatives to be an honorary citizen of the state of South Dakota and have invited each member to exercise the rights and privileges of such citizenship through visiting such state and partaking in the beauty and pleasures of the land of infinite variety; and

WHEREAS, the members of the North Dakota house of representatives are most appreciative of this courtesy and of the honor of becoming citizens of the state of South Dakota;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the members of the North Dakota house of representatives hereby accept such honorary citizenship and the invitation contained therein to partake in the beauty and pleasures of the land of infinite variety, and will in the fall of 1961 visit the state of South Dakota and assume their resident privileges as South Dakota citizens;

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary of state to the governor of South Dakota and the director of the South Dakota centennial commission.

Filed February 25, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 8

(Committee on Delayed Bills)

FORMER GOVERNOR'S MANSION

A resolution relating to the retention and use of the former governor's mansion of the state of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the directive contained in House Resolution 7 of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly, the state historical society has made a survey of the possible historical value of the former governor's mansion located at 320 Avenue B East in the city of Bismarck; and

WHEREAS, the former governor's mansion is presently being utilized by the children's psychiatric clinic, but no basic changes in the dwelling have been made nor are changes contemplated; and

WHEREAS, the state historical society has reported that such mansion has historical value and should be permanently retained by the state and utilized as a historic house museum at some future date if the psychiatric clinic is assigned new quarters;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That it hereby expresses agreement with the report of the state historical society and urges the board of administration to maintain the former governor's mansion without material alteration in order to preserve its original character, and to transfer to the state historical society such furniture, draperies, lighting fixtures and similar items not needed in present use for safekeeping, and at such time as other quarters for the psychiatric clinic are found, that the board of administration permit the historical society to use such premises for a historical museum.

Filed March 8, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 9

(Committee on Delayed Bills)

REPRESENTATIVE K. A. FITCH

A resolution honoring Representative K. A. Fitch upon the completion of his 15th session as a member of the house of representatives.

WHEREAS, the Honorable K. A. Fitch, state representative from the Ninth Legislative District of Cass County will on the 60th day of the 37th Legislative Session complete his 15th session as a member of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, his term of service over the past thirty years as a member of the legislative assembly is a record matched only by the late L. L. Twichell, also of Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Representative Fitch has over the years served his state and district with honor and distinction as a member of the assembly, as committee chairman, and as speaker of the house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, the fruits of his labor are to be found almost everywhere in state and local government and in the statute books of the state and will be a lasting memorial of his contribution to the betterment and welfare of the state;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the members extend their personal congratulations and best wishes to Representative K. A. Fitch upon the completion of his 15th legislative session and that this body hereby expresses the appreciation of the state of North Dakota to Representative Fitch for his many years of fruitful service and for his contribution to its progress and welfare; and

Be It Further Resolved, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be presented to Representative Fitch by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the secretary of state is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to Representative Fitch's daughter, Kay Joan Milner, and to his grandchildren, Sandra Kay Milner and Polly Ann Milner.

Filed March 8, 1961.