## Third Day of Legislative Organizational Session

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The House convened at 9:00 a.m., with Speaker Martin presiding.

The prayer was offered by the Rev. Angela Monson, First Lutheran Church, Mandan

The roll was called and all members were present except Representative Nicholas.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

#### REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your procedural Committee on Arrangements for House Committee Rooms (Rep. Christopherson, Chairman) recommends that the House use the following committee rooms during the Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	MEETING DAYS	ROOM
Appropriations	MTWThF	Roughrider
Education and Environment Division		Roughrider
Government Operations Division		House Conference
Human Resources Division		Sakakawea
Education	MTW	Pioneer
Finance and Taxation	MTW	Fort Totten
Human Services	MTW	Fort Union
Industry, Business and Labor	MTW	Peace Garden
Judiciary	MTW	Prairie
Agriculture	ThF	Peace Garden
Natural Resources	ThF	Pioneer
Political Subdivisions	ThF	Prairie
Government and Veterans Affairs	ThF	Fort Union
Transportation	ThF	Fort Totten
Constitutional Revision	TBA	Prairie

REP. CHRISTOPHERSON MOVED that the Report of the Procedural Committee on Arrangements for Committee Rooms be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your procedural Rules Committee (Rep. Kretschmar, Chairman) has met and recommends that the House and the Joint Rules of the 53rd Legislative Assembly, as adopted on Wednesday, January 6, 1993, and published in the 1993 Senate and House Rules and Committees book, with the following new rules and amendments, be adopted as the permanent rules of the House for the Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly, and that the reading of this report be dispensed with.

REP. KRETSCHMAR MOVED that the report be adopted.

## REQUEST

REP. DROVDAL REQUESTED that the Procedural Rules Committee report be divided in the following manner: Division A, which is Sections 3 and 10 of the Procedural Rules Committee report, and Division B which is the remainder of the Procedural Rules Committee report.

#### RULING BY THE SPEAKER

SPEAKER MARTIN RULED that in accordance with House Rule 319 regarding Division of the Question, that the question would be divided in that manner, and therefore, Rep. Drovdal's request was granted.

#### DIVISION A

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of House Rule 205 is amended as follows:

3. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear the floor of the House chamber in front of the railing of all persons, except legislators, legislative employees, legislative guests who have passes, former members of the Legislative Assembly who have passes, and properly identified representatives of the media, during the time period commencing thirty minutes before the House convenes on any legislative day and ending when the House recesses for that calendar day. During this period, a legislator may have only one guest per day on the floor at a time. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear a designated area of the balcony of all persons, except legislative guests who have passes, during the daily session.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. House Rule 358 is amended as follows:

358. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS - COURTESY OF THE HOUSE.

- Introduction of guests in the House of Representatives is limited to those individuals called on to address the House and former members of the Legislative Assembly.
- 2. No person may be admitted to the floor of the House except state officers; justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the district courts; present and former members of Congress; present and former members of the Legislative Assembly; present officers and officials; all employees of both houses of the Legislative Assembly; reporters for newspapers; and any other person granted admission by the Speaker.
- No member may have more than one guest seated with the member per day on the floor at any one time during the time period guests are restricted under House Rule 205. The guest must be seated with the member.
- 4. For the purposes of this rule, the floor of the House is all of the first floor of the House chamber in front of the railing.

#### DIVISION B

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. House Rule 102 is amended as follows:

means not present and "present" means physically in the chamber or room where the session or meeting is being held, and for purposes of a committee meeting, includes participation by means of interactive video or teleconference call. No member or officer of the House, unless unable to attend due to illness or other cause, may be absent from a session of the House, and no one is entitled to draw pay while absent more than one day without leave.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 6 of House Rule 203 is amended as follows:

6. Exercise general supervision over all House employees and of all clerical duties appertaining to the business of the House.

#### SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. House Rule 206 is amended as follows:

206. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE HOUSE. The following offices officers and employee positions are established, with the number, title, and manner of selection for each position as stated:

Title of	Number of
Position	Positions

## Group A

Chief Clerk	1
Desk Reporter	
Sergeant-at-Arms	1

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

## Group B

Assistant Chief Clerk	1
Bill Clerk	1
Chief Stenographer and Payroll Clerk	1
Chief Committee Clerk	
Appropriations Committee Clerk	
Assistant Appropriations Committee Clerks	
Committee Clerks	
Assistant Committee Clerk Clerks	
Chief Page and Bill Book Clerk	
Desk <del>Pages</del> <u>Page</u>	
<u>Calendar Clerk</u>	1

Persons holding Group B positions must be appointed by the party having a majority of the members-elect, acting by and through the Employment Committee.

## Group C

Secretary to the Speaker		1
Secretary to Majority Leader		1
Staff Assistant Assistants to Majority Leader	1	2
Secretary to Minority Leader		1
Staff Assistant Assistants to Minority Leader	1	2

The Speaker and the Majority and Minority Leaders shall appoint their respective secretaries and staff assistants, acting by and through the Employment Committee.

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

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

SECTION 5. A new subdivision to subsection 4 of House Rule 318 is created as follows:

Amendment, reconsideration, or suspension of a joint rule, as provided in Joint Rule 105.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of House Rule 319 is amended as follows:

 If a question before the House contains more than one proposal, any member if supported by eleven other members may have the question divided, except a question on the adoption of a conference committee report or on the second reading and final passage of a measure resulting from the adoption of a conference committee report may not be divided.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. House Rule 329 is amended as follows:

#### 329. MEASURES REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

- Every bill providing an appropriation of five thousand dollars or more must be referred or rereferred to and acted on by the Appropriations Committee before final action by the House thereon, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the members present.
- Every bill or resolution to which is attached a fiscal note stating
  that the bill or resolution has an effect of fifty thousand dollars
  or more on the appropriation for a state agency or department must
  be referred to and acted on by the Appropriations Committee before
  final action by the House thereon, unless otherwise ordered by a
  majority vote of the members present.
- 3. A bill or resolution required to be referred or rereferred to the Appropriations Committee which received a do not pass recommendation from committee and which then is passed by the House is deemed reconsidered and must be referred to and acted upon by the Appropriations Committee if that bill or resolution has not been referred or rereferred to the Appropriations Committee before passage. The Appropriations Committee shall report the bill or resolution back to the House for action in accordance with these rules.
- 3. 4. All House bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee, except bills introduced after the deadline for introduction of bills by the Delayed Bills Committee or on two-thirds vote of the House, must be rereferred not later than the twenty-third legislative day. If an appropriation bill is not reported to the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed rereferred and is under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end of the twenty-third legislative day.
  - SECTION 8. Subsection 6 of House Rule 346 is created as follows:
  - <u>Determination of any vote required under this rule must be by a verification vote.</u>
  - SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. House Rule 349 is amended as follows:
- 349. RETURN OF HOUSE MEASURE WITH AMENDMENT. Upon the return to the House of a House bill or resolution that was amended and passed by the Senate, the Speaker shall refer the measure to the chairman of the standing committee that reported the measure to the House. The chairman, by metion on the floor, shall recommend whether to concur in the amendments. If the recommendation is to not concur and to appoint a conference committee, the Speaker shall appoint a conference committee. Without objection, a motion to accept recommendations to not concur and to appoint conference committees

must be voted on in a single vote. If any member objects to voting on a recommendation to not concur and to appoint a conference committee with other recommendations to not concur and to appoint conference committees, that recommendation must be voted on as a separate item.

SECTION 11. House Rule 358.1 is created as follows:

 $\underline{\tt 358.1.}$  TELEPHONES. No private telephones are allowed on the floor of the House.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. House Rule 402 is amended as follows:

#### 402. WHEN INTRODUCED.

- 1. No bill may be introduced after the tenth legislative day and no member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than five bills as prime sponsor after the fifth legislative day, nor may any resolution, except those resolutions hereinafter provided for described in subsection 3, be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the House.
- No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court may be introduced after December tenth before the ensuing regular session, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee.
- 3. Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States and resolutions directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study, may not be introduced after the thirty-fourth legislative day, and must be reported back from the standing committee, if referred, no later than the forty-fourth legislative day in the case of resolutions proposing-constitutional amendments, and no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day in the case of resolutions directing a Legislative-Council study.
- 4. Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota may not be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, and must be reported back from the Joint Constitutional Revision Committee no later than the forty fourth legislative day.
- 5. A resolution-proposing a constitutional amendment or directing a Legislative Council study which is not reported back as provided in this rule must automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation.

SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. House Rule 403 is amended as follows:

403. DELAYED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. The Delayed Bills Committee shall receive from the Chief Clerk all bills every bill and resolutions resolution offered for introduction after the time for introduction as limited by House Rule 402, and, on the same or the next legislative day after receiving such the bill or resolution, shall report to inform the House its conclusion whether the introduction of the bill or resolution should be allowed has been approved. If a majority of the committee favors introduction, the sponsor may introduce the bill or resolution may be introduced. All such bills and resolutions Each bill or resolution approved for introduction must bear the name or names of the original sponsor or sponsors and must note the approval of the Delayed Bills Committee.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of House Rule 506 are amended as follows:

The committee chairman or the member who is duly appointed to act as chairman shall ensure that minutes of each committee meeting hearings and deliberations are kept. The minutes must include the names of all committee members present and absent; the time of commencement and adjournment of each meeting; be arranged by the bills or resolutions discussed, designated by number, and. The minutes must contain a short phrase explaining what the bill or resolution relates to; and the names and addresses of all persons who appear in relation to any certain the bill or resolution and a brief summary of their remarks. The minutes also must include a record of recommended amendments to bills and resolutions the bill or resolution, and a recorded roll call vote of the committee members on all bills and resolutions each bill or resolution that is referred out of the committee.

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

SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. House Rule 507 is amended as follows:

DISPOSITION REPORTING OF MEASURES. No Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council, no House bill or resolution, except an appropriations measure, may be held in a committee for more than twenty one thirty legislative days after it is referred to the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the House. All Except for a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council or a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all House bills and resolutions, except resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, or resolutions directing an interim study by the Legislative Council, must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-first legislative day, and if not so reported back, . A resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota must be reported to the House no later than the forty-fourth legislative day. A bill or resolution not reported back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation. The same rule applies to Senate bills and resolutions not must be reported back to the House by the forty-eighth fifty-fifth legislative day.

SECTION 16. AMENDMENT. House Rule 601 is amended as follows:

## 601. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

- 1. The report of a committee must provide for one or more of the following recommendations with respect to the bill or resolution: do pass, do not pass, be amended, be rereferred to another committee, or be placed on the calendar without recommendation. However, when a committee fails to adopt any of the above recommendations due to the lack of a majority, the chairman shall report the bill to the floor with whatever minority reports individual committee members may request.
- 2. During the fifth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall announce that committee reports have been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee recommendation. If the committee report is divided pursuant to House Rule 602, the Chief Clerk shall announce the majority and minority report, or reports, as well.

- 3. a. If the committee report is for amendment, the proposed amendment must be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the sixth order of business. Without objection, the proposed amendments on the sixth order must be voted on in a single vote. If any member objects to voting on a proposed amendment with other proposed amendments in a single vote, that amendment must be voted on as a separate item.
  - b. No action may be taken on an amendment until a verbatim copy of the amendment has been distributed to each member; provided, that on a two-thirds vote of the members-elect, this may be suspended, and the amendment acted on immediately after the report of the committee.
  - c. If the amendment is adopted by a majority vote of the members present, the amended measure must then be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage except as provided in subdivision e or g.
  - d. If the amendment is rejected, the measure without amendment must be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage except as provided in subdivision e or q.
  - e. If the committee report is for amendment and then rereferral to another committee, the measure must be rereferred to the appropriate committee after adoption or rejection of the amendment. If, after adoption or rejection of the amendment, a measure is subject to rereferral under House Rule 329, the measure must be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee, regardless of whether the report provides for rereferral.
  - f. If the committee report does not recommend rereferral to another committee but recommends that the measure pass, do not pass, or makes no recommendation, the measure must be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage except as provided in subdivision g.
  - g. On motion a measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading and final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. If the committee report recommends that the measure be placed on the calendar for second reading and final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment, the measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading and final passage immediately after the amendment is adopted. After the thirty-second legislative day all House bills, and after the fifty-fifth legislative day all measures, must be placed on the calendar for second reading and final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. A measure placed on the calendar under this subdivision may be acted on immediately after placement on the calendar.
  - h. A report for amendment must be approved as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff. When a report for amendment is received by the Chief Clerk without a notation that the report was approved as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff, the Chief Clerk immediately shall cause that report to be delivered to the Legislative Council office with a request that the report be examined and receive a notation approving its form and style.
- 3. 4. If the committee report is divided as provided in House Rule 602, and one report is for amendment with the other that the bill do not

pass, the reports must be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the seventh order of business. The Speaker shall receive and announce a motion that the report of the minority be substituted for the majority committee report. If a "do not pass" report is adopted under this subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business.

- 4. During the fifth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall announce that committee reports have been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee recommendation. If no report is adopted under this subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business unless the measure is subject to rereferral under House Rule 329.
- 5. If the committee-report is divided-pursuant to House Rule 602, the Chief Clerk-shall announce the majority report and the minority report, or reports, as well.
- 6. The Chief Clerk shall ensure that the daily calendar contains appropriate notation of committee reports.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. House Rule 602 is amended as follows:

#### 602. DIVIDED COMMITTEE REPORT.

- 1. In case all the members of any committee required or entitled to report on any subject referred to them, cannot agree upon any report, the majority and minority may each make a special report, and any member or members dissenting, in whole or in part, from the reasoning and conclusions of both the majority and minority may also present to the House a statement of reasonings and conclusions; and all reports, if decorous in language, and respectful to the House, must be entered at length in the journal, and must be announced by the Chief Clerk as provided in House Rule 601.
- 2. The majority report is either the report signed by the largest number of committee members or the report signed by the committee chairman if that report is one of two or more reports signed by the largest and an equal number of members. Except as provided in House Rule 601, the The majority report must be placed on the calendar for consideration before consideration of any minority report. Minority reports must be placed on the calendar in order in accordance with the number of committee members signing the reports, with the report signed by the largest number of members being placed on the calendar first.
- 3. If one or more of the reports presented pursuant to this rule recommend an amendment to the legislative measure under consideration, the Chief-Clerk, during the fifth order of business, shall announce the fact that a divided committee report has been received, including a report, or reports, for amendment. The amendments, except as provided in subsection 3 of House Rule 601, must then go on the calendar under the sixth order of business in accordance with subsection 2 of House Rule 601.
- 4. If more than one amendment is recommended by divided reports relating to a particular measure, the Speaker shall direct that they be placed on the calendar in order in accordance with this rule.
- 5. 4. The Speaker shall also rule as to the effect of the adoption of the first report on each subsequent report.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. House Rule 701 is amended as follows:

701. MEMBER TO PRESIDE. In forming a When the House resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside.

SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. House Rule 702 is amended as follows:

702. ORDER OF BUSINESS. When the House has arrived at the consideration of general orders and there are bills that have been referred to the Committee of the Whole, the House shall go resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole and, no other business is in order until the committee arises rises.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. House Rule 703 is amended as follows:

703. HOUSE RULES PERTAIN - EXCEPTIONS. The rules of the House must be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far insofar as they may be applicable, except that the ayes and nays may not be recorded, the previous question enforced, nor to committees. The minutes must be kept by a committee clerk as provided by House Rule 506 and the time of speaking may be limited only by motion.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. House Rule 704 is amended as follows:

704. PROCEDURE REPORT. Bills committed to the Committee of the Whole must be read, be opened to amendment, and debated by sections, unless otherwise ordered, leaving the title to be last considered; all amendments and recommendations must be noted in writing and reported to the House and signed by the chairman, and must be received and acted upon by Upon adoption of a motion to rise, the report of the Committee of the Whole must be presented to the House as are other committee reports.

SECTION 22. Joint Rule 105 is created as follows:

105. AMENDMENT, RECONSIDERATION, OR SUSPENSION OF JOINT RULES. After adoption of the joint rules, no joint rule may be amended unless the rule is first reconsidered. A joint rule may not be reconsidered or suspended except by a vote of two-thirds of the members-elect of either house. The house that reconsiders or suspends a joint rule shall notify the other house with respect to that action.

2. No resolution directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study which has passed one house may be sent to the other house for concurrence after the thirty-eighth fortieth legislative day, except study resolutions introduced after the thirty-fourth legislative day by with the approval of the Delayed Bills Committee or introduced with the concurrence of two-thirds or more of the members of the house of introduction.

SECTION 24. AMENDMENT. Joint Rule 204 is amended as follows:

204. RETURNING OF MEASURES. Either house, upon majority vote, shall return any bill or resolution <u>called for requested</u> by <u>resolution motion</u> of the other house, if the bill or resolution is yet in possession of the house called on, and no action thereon has been had. In case action has been had, then it requires a two-thirds vote of the house asked to return a bill or resolution called for.

SECTION 25. AMENDMENT. Joint Rule 205 is amended as follows:

205. ASSISTANCE IN DRAFTING - ENGROSSING AND ENROLLING OF MEASURES \_CLERICAL ERRORS. The Legislative Council may provide for the members of the Legislative Assembly such legal assistance as may be necessary for the proper drafting of proposed legislation. The Legislative Council shall engross and enroll bills and resolutions as requested by each house of the Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Council shall determine the form and style of engrossed and enrolled bills and resolutions. The Legislative Council shall correct clerical errors discovered as it engrosses and enrolls bills and resolutions.

SECTION 26. AMENDMENT. Joint Rule 208 is amended as follows:

208. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT AND SUPREME COURT BILLS. Each executive agency and the Supreme Court shall file with the Legislative Council those bills they wish to have introduced no later than December tenth before the ensuing regular session. Each bill is deemed introduced by the standing committee of the House or Senate with general jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill; but if the filing entity receives the approval of a legislator to sponsor the bill, that bill is to be introduced by the legislator rather than by the standing committee. A bill sponsored by a legislator may not have more sponsors than the number allowed under Senate and House Rules 401. The Legislative Council shall number and deliver those bills to the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House for recording. Each bill introduced under this rule must be identified by noting the name of the agency or the court under the name of the sponsoring committee or legislator. The identification of a bill introduced by a standing committee may include the names of not more than five entities authorized to file bills under this rule.

2. The committees so appointed shall meet within two legislative days of appointment at the hour and place agreed on by the chairmen; and the. A conference committee consisting of members from a three-day committee shall meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and a conference committee consisting of members from a two-day committee shall meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The chairmen may call meetings on other days as deemed necessary. The chairmen shall have the time and place of the meeting posted prior to the meeting, or the chairmen shall announce the time and place of the meeting to their respective houses.

SECTION 28. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of Joint Rule 501 is amended as follows:

- 4. a. Every The agency or department preparing the fiscal note must be prepared in triplicate and must be returned shall return the fiscal note along with the number of copies requested by the Legislative Council to the Legislative Council or the committee chairman making the request, whichever the case may be, not later than five days from the date of the request.
  - b. One copy of the fiscal note The Legislative Council shall retain three copies, shall provide one copy to the Office of Management and Budget, shall provide one copy to the Governor, and shall deliver the remaining copies to the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House. Of those copies, one copy must be attached to the original bill or resolution, one copy must be filed with the Bill Clerk of the house wherein the bill or resolution originated, and one copy must be filed in the Legislative Council office provided to the President of the Senate, one copy must be provided to the Speaker of the House, and the remaining copies must be distributed as directed by the

Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House, as appropriate.

SECTION 29. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of Joint Rule 603 is amended as follows:

Eight Five hundred copies of each bill, and five three hundred copies of each resolution, must be printed, unless the house of introduction orders a greater or lesser number. After the initial order is printed, the Chief Bill and Journal Room Clerk may order additional copies to be printed to meet demand.

SECTION 30. REPEAL. Subsection 5 of House Rule 201 and House Rule 705 are repealed.

The question being on the adoption of Division A of the Procedural Rules Committee report, which Division was adopted on a verification vote.

The question then was on the adoption of Division B of the Procedural Rules Committee report, which Division was adopted on a voice vote.

The question then was on the adoption of the Procedural Rules Committee report including Divisions A and B which was adopted on a voice vote.

#### MOTION

 $\mbox{\bf REP. FREIER}$   $\mbox{\bf MOVED}$  that the House stand in recess until 1:00 p.m., which motion prevailed.

THE HOUSE RECONVENED pursuant to recess taken, with Speaker Martin presiding.

#### JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the House and Senate convened at 1:05 p.m., with Speaker Martin presiding.

#### MOTION

REP. FREIER MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort Lt. Governor Myrdal to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

SPEAKER MARTIN APPOINTED Reps. Olson and Gulleson to such committee and Lt. Governor Myrdal was escorted to the rostrum.

SPEAKER MARTIN INTRODUCED Lt. Governor Myrdal to the Assembly and turned the gavel over to her. Lt. Governor Myrdal called the Joint Session to order.

### MOTION

REP. FREIER MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Honorable Edward T. Schafer, Governor, to the rostrum, and his wife, Nancy, and members of his cabinet to reserved seating at the front of the Chamber, which motion prevailed. The Chair appointed Sen. Tennefos and Rep. Martinson to such committee and the Honorable Edward T. Schafer, Governor, was escorted to the rostrum and his wife, Nancy, and his cabinet members were escorted to reserved seats at the front of the Chamber.

The Governor addressed the Joint Session and presented his budget address and executive budget summary.

# 1995-97 EXECUTIVE BUDGET ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF THE NORTH DAKCTA LEGISLATURE by Governor Ed Schafer

Lt. Governor Myrdal, Mr. Speaker, distinguished members of the House and Senate, Nancy, guests, and fellow North Dakotans.

We begin a historic period in North Dakota today. Our mission is twofold: First, it is our constitutional responsibility to set a course for the next

two years; and second, in the bigger picture, we must restate our commitment to move North Dakota into the 21st century with pride and prosperity.

These are huge responsibilities, and in the coming months we will be faced with many difficult decisions. The most important will be those that set our spending priorities.

Every executive budget is about setting priorities, of course, but the 1995-97 executive budget is notable because it allows the people of North Dakota to see, for the first time, how the Schafer Administration plans to prioritize and reprioritize the way state government conducts its affairs.

Two years ago, we did not have the luxury of submitting a budget that fully and accurately defined our philosophy on governing. Under the circumstances, our emphasis in the 1993 Legislature was to lay the foundation to ensure that state government makes common sense to the average citizen. We then worked closely with agencies during the interim to achieve those goals.

Today, our economy is stronger, more people are working, and we have applied the brakes to the often unchecked spending habits of government. We can do more, though, and this budget contains the blueprint to help North Dakota continue down the right path.

The 1995-97 executive recommendation is \$3.6 billion in total expenditures, of which \$1.3 billion is general fund money. That represents a 4.2 percent increase in total spending over the current biennium. Taking into account inflation, our executive budget is a no-growth spending plan. And I say it's about time!

But this doesn't mean our plan will stifle the economy. On the contrary, our budget is about continuing statewide economic job growth...growth that is generated from the communities, not the state Capitol.

This is significant because economic growth the past year has resulted in a stronger, more stable revenue picture. In fact, our revenues for the next biennium are \$83 million more than the current biennium...and this will allow us to address our most serious needs without a tax increase.

This budget also is about continuing our efforts to rightsize government so it will be more affordable for our customers--the people of North Dakota.

And more than anything else, this budget is about choices.

We ARE standing on the doorstep of history. Each of us, regardless of our political affiliation or personal philosophies, is blessed with the unprecedented opportunity to shape a new direction for North Dakota state government.

It's what the people want. Last month, the electorate sent us all a strong message: Above all else, citizens said they want a government that places a premium on efficiency.

They want a government that works for them, not against them. They want a government that is accountable and responsive to their needs, not the needs of the bureaucracy.

And they want a government that spends its tax dollars wisely, not foolishly on programs that have little relevance to the average person.

Now it is our turn to deliver.

Clearly, too often in the past state government neglected to watch the bottom line with its spending habits. Agencies were allowed to shoot for the moon with their budget requests - regardless of the revenue picture. Then when

the Governor didn't recommend full funding, or legislators didn't appropriate all of the requested dollars, bureaucrats complained about budget cuts.

That process actually ignored the bottom line and promoted spending. By failing to watch the bottom line, we weren't addressing the most pressing needs of North Dakota.

Our executive budget stops that trend, and the result is a more clearly defined agenda.

Ladies and gentlemen, balancing this budget is predicated on four principles that have guided me since I took the oath of office two years ago:

First, it holds the line on taxes--our 1995-97 budget is balanced with no tax increase, and only a handful of fee increases. We are holding the line on the sales and income tax rates, and allowing the triggered gas tax to continue.

State government  $\underline{\text{MUST}}$  learn to function within its current level of taxation no matter how painful or difficult. Our priorities can be, and will be, handled within our existing tax base!

Second, it invests in our most priceless resource--our children. It fulfills the promise of more money for elementary and secondary education, and ensures that every child gets a fair start in life.

Third, it takes appropriate and necessary action to make government more efficient and less costly to the taxpayer. We accomplish this in part by merging duplicative agencies, and eliminating funding for programs that have run their course or no longer work.

And fourth, the 1995-97 budget allows us to maintain a solid economic foundation by continuing to emphasize existing development initiatives that are successful, and by placing more importance on workforce training.

In my inaugural speech, I promised to be a trustee for the taxpayer. During the past two years, I've spent a lot of time in that capacity listening to both wage earners and business owners across the state. Simply stated, they will not support higher taxes until government proves it can spend extra money responsibly.

State government must continue the effort to earn the people's trust.

Given the strong anti-tax sentiment, in March I directed each agency in the executive branch to present a budget that is 95 percent of their current appropriation. I made this request because I believe we need to examine and reprioritize the way we do business.

Our intent from the beginning of this budget exercise has been to take dollars from the 95 percent savings and redirect those savings into education, health, and human services. I also promised agencies that if our revenues improved over the course of the year, that I would replace some of those lost dollars.

We have accomplished both.

This budget recommends the general fund appropriation for elementary and secondary education be increased \$40 million.

It recommends a \$30 million general fund increase for the Department of Human Services.

It recommends an employee salary package of \$18.8 million, and \$6.8 million for court unification.

It recommends \$4.5 million in general funds for health care reform, and \$3.9 million for welfare reform.

And we are adding significant dollars to the important economic development tools of PACE and workforce training.

Having said that, I think it's important everyone understands that many agencies will experience real spending reductions. Let me emphasize that these cuts were made with a scalpel, not an ax. We have tried--in every instance--to reduce budgets thoughtfully and with respect for the mission of each agency.

Our decisions are guided by the belief that we can't injure the people who need our assistance the most, and I think we have been successful in this regard.

Don't be fooled, though--this spending plan will challenge every elected official, every cabinet member, and every program manager in state government. But the budget is manageable!

If we are going to prosper into the next century, we must continue to invest in our greatest asset--our school children. We can offer businesses all the incentives in the world to spur economic growth, but the bottom line is that a world-class education system is our best economic development tool.

This budget recommends the Legislature invest \$432.5 million in the foundation aid program--an increase of \$36 million over the current appropriation.

North Dakota's foundation aid program clearly is at a crossroads. The Supreme Court narrowly upheld the constitutionality of the financing system earlier this year, but four justices left little doubt that the present system is badly flawed and needs fixing.

In the past year, my office has spent a great deal of time working with the interim education committees and the Department of Public Instruction to address the court's concerns. To this end, the executive budget recommends a fundamental change in the way we distribute money to schools.

First, we are not pulling the legs out from under the present system. That would be too drastic. We are, however, recommending a \$10 million cost-of-living increase be added to the current foundation aid program. This will allow every school district to receive a boost in per-pupil payments for the next two years.

Additionally, I am recommending the creation of a supplemental program to provide equity to school districts with low property tax valuation. Using a guaranteed tax base formula, the state will set aside \$25.5 million for supplemental payments to the foundation aid program.

The issue of education aid is an issue of fairness, and this innovative change allocates our resources more fairly and equitably.

The special education recommendation is \$33.5 million, a 10 percent increase over current spending. Also, it eliminates categorical distributions of funds and replaces them with a system based on the number of students in each district. The payment will be in the form of a block grant.

Separately, the executive budget recommends \$36 million for transportation, and in an effort to maximize local control, adopts the interim Education Finance Committee's proposal to eliminate transportation restrictions.

Also, our education plan also provides a payment for small, but necessary, elementary schools and high schools, and proposes \$250,000 for efficiency audits that should help districts get the most from the available resources.

Importantly, this overall level of funding, complimented by full per-pupil funding in the second year of this biennium, should relieve the pressure for property tax increases related to education.

Another priority is health and human services. We cannot turn our backs on the people who are the most dependent on our services and good will. Therefore, I am recommending that the Department of Human Services receive \$306 million in general fund dollars the next biennium.

This allows us to accomplish many things: We will meet federal mandates; we will maintain current Medicaid benefits to families, children, and individuals who depend most on government assistance; we will maintain our care of the developmentally disabled; and we will continue to give our elderly population the support it needs and deserves.

The Human Service budget also fulfills the promise made earlier this year to nursing homes by appropriating an additional \$12.5 million. This will allow long-term care facilities to maintain their current payment structure with inflationary adjustments.

Furthermore, I am recommending almost \$4 million to initiate the process of simplifying, streamlining, and standardizing our welfare system. Of this total, \$2.2 million will go toward the purchase of a data processing system that will, among other things, eliminate the mountain of paper work and crack down on fraud.

The time is right for North Dakota to shift its welfare policy to provide meaningful education, training, and employment opportunities, and to ensure that families are provided with transition assistance. We must not waste this important opportunity to convert our welfare system into a pathway to economic independence.

The executive recommendation also includes \$4.5 million from the general fund for the first increment of health care reform. Government shouldn't be in the business of administering a health care program, but we can help uninsured citizens obtain at least a minimum catastrophic health care plan.

Therefore, I am recommending \$3 million be set aside in the Health Department for the development of a mechanism that will help insure the uninsured purchase or receive health care benefits.

Additionally, I am asking the Legislature to appropriate \$1.5 million to develop a data collection service that will document health care statistics and information. As we move to implement health care reform in the coming years, it's vitally important to know exactly where we can get the biggest value for our dollars.

The executive budget also continues the rightsizing effort that began in the 1993 Legislature. Rightsizing requires managers and supervisors, with input from line employees and customers, to establish clear priorities that allow us to deliver services more efficiently, abolish unnecessary work, and reduce and eliminate low-priority programs.

In looking at various agency functions, we asked ourselves the following questions:

If we were to design services anew, what would they look like?

If we were not doing this already, would we start today?

If we were to recreate state government today, given what we know and given modern technology, what would it look like?

The answers are found throughout this budget.

For instance, we propose reorganizing the retirement and investment programs. This not only will streamline decisionmaking, but will save teachers and state employees \$608.000 a biennium in costs.

Under our plan, the state investment board will be administered through a single agency, the State Investment Office. Meanwhile, the Teachers' Fund for Retirement, Public Employees Retirement, Group Insurance, Deferred Compensation, and FlexComp will be administered by a new agency, the Public Employees Benefit System.

Other examples of streamlining government can be found in merging the Board of Animal Health into the Agriculture Department;

We are recommending the elimination of the State Soil Conservation Committee administrative offices because they have completed their mission in mapping the entire state:

We are recommending the elimination of the Atmospheric Resources Board and transferring those duties to the State Water Commission;

And we are calling for the elimination of a handful of other boards, saving almost \$200.000 to the general fund.

A direct result of our rightsizing efforts is a net reduction of 109 full-time employees for the next biennium. We are adding a total of 178 FTEs to priority areas, including 92 at UND Medical School, and eliminating 287 positions in other programs.

The 1995-97 executive budget will continue the momentum created by Growing North Dakota, which you first approved four years ago. More significantly, this budget reprioritizes our Growing North Dakota initiatives.

It recommends \$4.5 million for the popular PACE program, which is \$2 million more than this biennium, and contains a \$2 million deficiency appropriation for PACE as well. This will allow the Bank of North Dakota to address higher-than-anticipated demand for those loans this year.

With the limits being placed on the budget, it's imperative that we fine tune and target the application of Growing North Dakota funds. We must place our limited resources where there is the greatest possibility of job creation and new wealth.

Administratively, we have begun judging each request for funds on whether or not they meet the strategies of Vision 2000--we must ask the question: Will this request add value to agriculture, enhance energy development, increase exported services, or enhance manufacturing?

If the answer is no, the request should be denied.

In the coming biennium, this budget will allow us to continue to spur development through a number of actions, including export investment, extensive support for small business, travel and tourism promotion, increased industrial competitiveness, new technology and technology transfer, improved capital programming, and workforce training.

While all of those actions are important, workforce training tops our economic development priority list. To this end, I am recommending funding for the Workforce 2000 program be increased from \$185,000 this biennium to \$2.5 million in the next biennium.

Workforce 2000 is an important partnership between Job Service, ED&F, higher education, vocational education, and the business community. The appropriation will link these agencies with new and existing businesses who are seeking customized training and retraining.

This is an important investment, and I believe it's long overdue. Our state's business leaders have told me many times of the overwhelming necessity to address some immediate and short-term training needs across the state, and this appropriation is a big first step.

The executive budget sets the general fund appropriation for higher education at \$265 million in 1995-97.

While this is an increase in general fund spending from the current biennium, the operating budgets for the universities basically are the same as the 1993-95 level of funding. The bulk of the increase is in salaries to professors, faculty, and support staff.

Also, this budget  $\underline{\text{DOES NOT}}$  include a tuition increase, and I hope that you will resist any efforts to pass an indirect tax on to the people who can least afford it--our college students.

We also are asking the Legislature to support a bonding package that, allows Bismarck State College to build a new Science Center; addresses critical health and safety issues on the other campuses; and allows significant advances in technology networking for the entire university system.

Furthermore, I am confident that the university system, and the four-year institutions in particular, have management flexibility and other sources of funding that should help them remain vibrant institutions of learning.

The 1995-97 executive budget also prioritizes the state's ability to protect and maintain our transportation infrastructure. Last year, the U.S. Congress appropriated enough ISTEA money to trigger a 1-cent per gallon tax increase. I am proposing that the Legislature make the penny increase permanent to protect our investment in the state's network of highways and bridges.

Because of the uncertainties with a new Congress, it's important to maintain the trigger mechanism for the next biennium. It worked in the past, and if Congress releases more federal road construction money, we will have the appropriate vehicle already in place.

North Dakota's state employees work hard to serve the public--and do it for little glory or professional gain. They take pride in their work and they want to do a good job.

While some managers may think that they are the crucial link between government and customers, it's the front-line workers who actually have the job of translating the goals of public policy into the services people depend on and they should be rewarded for a job well done.

Therefore, the employee compensation package recommends a 2 percent pay increase effective July 1, 1995.

Another 3 percent pay increase will become effective July 1, 1996, of which 1 percent is dedicated to correct inequities in salary compression problems for employees in lower and mid-level salary ranges.

Finally, the compensation package continues full retirement benefits and health insurance coverage for state employees and their families.

I want to emphatically state, right up front, that this is not a political budget--this is a taxpayers' budget. It puts our financial house in order, it sets priorities by putting dollars into areas where they will do the most good, and it can be accomplished without a tax increase.

This budget guards the taxpayers' hard-earned dollar just as cautiously and carefully as we guard our own paychecks. We no longer can prepare a budget

based on what we want to spend--we must pass a budget based on what we have available to spend.

There are some who will say in the coming weeks, "Let's figure out how much we want to spend, then we'll raise taxes to pay the bill." But taxpayers don't do that, and neither should state government.

Yes, this is a tight budget; there are real cuts in many areas. And it has been a difficult process. The public debate over this budget will be difficult as well, because it will require each of us to make fundamental decisions about the role of government in the state of North Dakota.

But this is my budget recommendation to you regarding the financial future of the great state of North Dakota. I believe it is fair, it is just, and it accurately reflects what we can achieve in the next two years.

To my friends in this chamber, the budget now is in your hands to criticize, to analyze, and to reprioritize. Some of you might even agree with this spending plan as you deliberate long and hard.

I offer a word of caution, however: The projected ending fund balance is \$10 million, and that doesn't leave much room for maneuvering. As you rip this budget apart and put it back together again in the next three months, my only request is that you maintain my original goals: Financial stability and accountability.

If you choose to add a dollar in a certain area, please consider taking an equal amount from an area of less importance. I make this request not as your Governor but as an advocate for the thousands of North Dakotans who want a government that, first and foremost, adheres to the bottom line.

With the Lord's guidance, and through hard work and cooperation, we can reach our goals. Thank you, and Godspeed.

## MOTIONS

 $\mbox{\bf REP. DORSO}$   $\mbox{\bf MOVED}$  that the Governor's budget message be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

**REP. FREIER MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Honorable Edward T. Schafer, Governor, from the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

LT. GOVERNOR MYRDAL APPOINTED Sen. Thane and Rep. Brown to such committee and the Honorable Edward T. Schafer, Governor, was escorted from the rostrum. The Governor's wife, Nancy, and his cabinet members were also escorted from the Chamber.

#### MOTION

 $\ensuremath{\textit{REP. FREIER}}$   $\ensuremath{\textit{MOVED}}$  that the Joint Session be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

The Joint Session was declared dissolved by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Myrdal.

The House reconvened following the Joint Session.

## REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

Your Procedural Employment Committee (Rep. Rydell, Chairman) submits the following names for the positions specified below:

## 1995 HOUSE EMPLOYEES

Roy Gilbreath	Chief Clerk	Bismarck
Barbara Middaugh	<u>Desk Reporter</u>	Bismarck
Lance Hagen	Assistant Chief Clerk	Ellendale
David Hougen	<u>Bill Clerk</u>	Larimore
Jerome J. Moszer	<u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>	Bismarck
Lorrie Giese	Secretary to the Speaker	Bismarck
Mazie Patchen	Secretary to the Majority Leader	Bismarck
Pamela Bergman	Secretary to the Minority Leader	Bismarck
Carol Nitschke	Appropriations Committee Clerk	Bismarck
Bernie Clark	Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms	Bismarck
Gloria Olson	Chief Page and Bill Room Clerk	Bismarck
Phyllis Connolly	<u>Calendar Clerk</u>	Bismarck
Barbara Larson	<u>Desk Page</u>	Bismarck
Pat Smith	<u>Telephone Page</u>	Bismarck
Peggy Puetz	<u>Information Desk Attendant</u>	Bismarck
Herman Jacobsen	Chief Bill and Journal Room Clerk	Bismarck
Peter Schafer	Supply Room Coordinator	Bismarck

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## 1995 NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

## **Appropriations Committee**

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Kaldor, L.

Wilkie, G.

Kroeber, J.

Laughlin, B.

Huether, B.

Aarsvold, 0. Glassheim, E.

Hanson, L.

Nichols, R.

Dobrinski, E.

Gulleson, P.

Sitz, M.

Committee Chairman - Dalrymple, J. Committee Vice Chairman - Hausauer, R.

## Education and Environment Division

Chairman - Wald, F.

Vice Chairman - Kunkel, R.

Freier, T. Gorman, S.

Hausauer, R.

Payne, D.

## Government Operations Division

Chairman - Gerntholz, G.

Vice Chairman - Howard, J.

Berg, R. Clayburgh, R.

Martinson, B. Sveen, G. O.

Human Resources Division

Chairman - Wentz, J.

Vice Chairman - Byerly, R.

Bateman, R. Carlisle, R.

DeWitz, L.

## **Education Committee**

Chairman - Rydell, C.

Vice Chairman - Boehm, J. Clark, T.

Drovdal, D.

Gorder, W.

Holm, R. Johnson, D.

Monson, D.

Schimke, D. Tollefson, B.

Torgerson, J.

## Finance and Taxation Committee

Chairman - Timm, M.

Vice Chairman - Grosz, M. Austin, D.

Belter, W.

Brown, G.

Lloyd, E.

Nicholas, E.

Olson, A.

Rennerfeldt, E. Thompson, L.

Wardner, R.

#### **Human Services Committee**

Chairman - Svedjan, K.

Vice Chairman - Price, C.

Christopherson, C.

Galvin, P.

Gunter, J.

Hagle, A.

Henegar, D.

Henegar, K.

Thoreson, L.

Walker. B.

Boucher, M.

Kerzman, J.

Mutzenberger, M.

Sandvig, S.

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Chairman - Bernstein, L.
Vice Chairman - Keiser, G.
Carlson, A.
Delzer, J.
Forseth, G.
Jacobs, L.
Kempenich, K.
Poolman, J.
Retzer, E.
Shide, D.
Skarphol, B.
Soukup, A.

## Judiciary Committee

Chairman - Kretschmar, W. Vice Chairman - Kelsch, R. DeKrey, D. Klein, M. Kliniske, A. Koppelman, K. Maragos, A. Mickelson, S. Nottestad, D.

Sabby, L. Stenehjem, A.

Lloyd, E. Nottestad, D. Torgerson, J.

Walker, B.

Christenson, L. Delmore, L. Mahoney, J.

## Agriculture Committee

Chairman - Nicholas, E.
Vice Chairman - Shide, D.
Grosz, M.
Holm R.
Johnson, D.
Rennerfeldt, E.
Schimke, D.
Thompson, L.

Boucher, M. Kerzman, J. Nichols, R. Sitz, M.

#### Natural Resources Committee

Chairman - Olson, A.
Vice Chairman - Gorder, W.
Brown, G.
Carlson, A.
DeKrey, D.
Drovdal, D.
Galvin, P.
Henegar, D.
Henegar, K.

Aarsvold, O. Gulleson, P. Hanson, L. Mutzenberger, M.

## Political Subdivisions Committee

Chairman - Soukup, A.
Vice Chairman - Poolman, J.
Froseth, G.
Gunter, J.
Hagle, A.
Jacobs, L.
Koppelman, K.
Kretschmar, W.
Maragos, A.
Retzer, E.

Coats, J. Delmore, L. Glassheim, E.

## **Government and Veterans Affairs**

Chairman - Wardner, R.

Vice Chairman - Stenehjem, A.

Austin, D.

Christopherson, C.

Clark, T.

Kelsch, R.

Klein, M.

Kliniske, A.

Rydell, C.

Sabby, L. Svedjan, K.

Thoreson, L.

## Transportation Committee

Chairman - Belter, W.

Vice Chairman - Kempenich, K.

Boehm, J. Delzer, J.

Keiser, G.

Mickelson, S.

Monson, D.

Price, C.

Skarphol, B.

Sveen, G. O.

Timm, M.

## Joint Constitutional Revision Committee

Cochairman - Brown, G.

Kretschmar, W.

Aarsvold, 0.

Christenson, L.

Sandvig, S.

Schmidt, A.

Dobrinski, E.

Grumbo, H.

Mahoney, J.

Maragos, A. Gulleson, P.

#### MOTION

REP. FREIER MOVED that the House stand in recess for thirty minutes, which motion prevailed.

THE HOUSE RECONVENED pursuant to recess taken, with Speaker Martin presiding.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

SPEAKER MARTIN ANNOUNCED that the Chief Clerk would read the following revised appointments of members to Standing Committees.

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## Appropriations Committee

Committee Chairman - Dalrymple, J. Committee Vice Chairman - Hausauer, R.

## Education and Environment Division

Chairman - Wald, F.

Vice Chairman - Payne, D.

Freier, T. Gorman, S. Kaldor, L. Wilkie, G.

Hausauer, R.

Kunkel, R.

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Clayburgh, R.

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Kroeber, J. Laughlin, B.

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DeWitz. L.

Huether, B.

Aarsvold, 0.

Nichols, R.

Glassheim, E. Hanson, L.

Dobrinski, E.

Gulleson, P.

Sitz. M.

#### Education Committee

Chairman - Rydell, C.

Vice Chairman - Boehm, J.

Clark, T. Drovdal, D.

Gorder, W.

Holm, Ruth

Johnson, D.

Schimke, D.

Sveen, G. O. Torgerson, J.

## Finance and Taxation Committee

Chairman - Timm, M.

Vice Chairman - Grosz, M.

Austin, D.

Belter, W. Brown, G.

Lloyd, Ed

Nicholas, E.

Olson, A. Rennerfeldt, E.

Thompson, L.

Wardner, R.

#### **Human Services Committee**

Chairman - Svedjan, K. Vice Chairman - Price. C.

Christopherson, C.

Galvin, P.

Gunter, J.

Hagle, A.

Heneger, D.

Henegar, K.

Thoreson, L.

Walker, B.

Boucher, M.
Kerzman, J.
Mutzenberger, M.
Sandvig, S.

Coats, J.

Grumbo, H. Schmidt, A.

## Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Vice Chairman - Keiser, G.

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## Agriculture Committee

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## Transportation Committee

Chairman - Belter, W.
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Delzer, J.
Keiser, G.

Dobrinski, E. Grumbo, H. Mahoney, J. Mickelson, S. Monson, D. Price, C. Skarphol, B. 'Sveen, G. O. Timm, M.

## Joint Constitutional Revision Committee

Cochairman - Brown, G.

Kretschmar, W. Maragos, A.

Aarsvold, 0.

Gulleson, P.

#### MOTIONS

REP. FREIER MOVED that the absent member be excused, which motion prevailed.

REP. DORSO MOVED that the House stand adjourned until 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 3, 1995, which motion prevailed.

The House stood adjourned pursuant to Representative Dorso's motion.

ROY GILBREATH, Chief Clerk