

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

## Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, January 9, 2001

The House convened at 12:00 p.m., with Speaker Bernstein presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Maury Millican, Bismarck Community Church.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Rep. Timm and Rep. Thorpe.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

## MOTION

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

## CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Rep. Kretschmar, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the Third Day of the Organizational and Orientation Session and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 22, line 18, replace "Niemeier" with "Winrich"

Page 22, line 31, replace "Kroeber" with "Niemeier"

Page 22, line 39, replace "Winrich" with "Kroeber"

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

## MOTION

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the House be on the Ninth order of business and at the conclusion of the Ninth order, the House stand in recess until 1:15 p.m., to receive the Senate in Joint Session and at the conclusion of the Joint Session, the House stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2001, which motion prevailed.

## MOTION

**REP. GRANDE MOVED** that the Journal reflect the Legislative Compensation Commission report has been received by the Chief Clerk of the House and has been filed with the Legislative Council.

## FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1001:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1002:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the secretary of state and public printing; and to amend and reenact section 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the secretary of state.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1003:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general; to provide statements of legislative intent; and to amend and reenact section 54-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the attorney general.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1004:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state auditor; and to amend and reenact section 54-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state auditor.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1005:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state treasurer; and to amend and reenact section 54-11-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state treasurer.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1006:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the state tax commissioner and for payment of state reimbursement under the homestead tax credit; and to amend and reenact section 57-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state tax commissioner.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1007:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the labor commissioner.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1008:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service commission; and to amend and reenact section 49-01-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of public service commissioners.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1009:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the agriculture commissioner; and to amend and reenact section 4-01-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the agriculture commissioner.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1010:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1011:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the securities commissioner.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1012:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of human services; to provide for the transfer of appropriation authority between agencies and institutions; to provide for a transfer from the North Dakota health care trust fund; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1013:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of public instruction, the school for the deaf, the school for the blind, and the state library; to provide statements of legislative intent; and to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the superintendent of public instruction.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1014:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the committee on protection and advocacy.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1015:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions under the supervision of the director of the office of management and budget; to provide for various transfers and financial transactions; to provide an exemption from the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code; and to provide statements of legislative intent relating to state employee compensation adjustments.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1016:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the division of emergency management; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 37-17.1-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the termination of the fee system for the hazardous chemicals preparedness and response program.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1017:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the adjutant general; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1018:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state seed department.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1019:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state game and fish department.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1020:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state historical society; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1021:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department and the International Peace Garden.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1022:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the tourism department.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1023:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state water commission; to provide for the sale of the land and building used by the state water commission as a maintenance shop and the purchase of new property for such use; to provide for a continuing appropriation; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-02.1 and a new subsection to section 61-02.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funding of water development projects and repayment of bonds; to amend and reenact section 54-27-25

of the North Dakota Century Code and section 11 of chapter 535 of the 1999 Session Laws, relating to funds deposited in the water development trust fund and to the expiration date for the issuance of bonds; to provide a line of credit and an appropriation for repayment.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1024:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the workers compensation bureau.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1025:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various state retirement and investment agencies.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1026:** A BILL for an Act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various state departments and institutions; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1027:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 28-32-02 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 28-32-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to agency procedures to notify interested parties of when rules adopted by the agency will be considered by the administrative rules committee; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1028:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 28-32-02 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 28-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorization by the administrative rules committee before administrative rules may be effective on an emergency basis; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1029:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing of comments on rules with rules filed for publication in the North Dakota Administrative Code; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1030:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter 28-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administrative agencies practices; to amend and reenact section 4-18.1-19, subsection 1 of section 4-18.1-20, subsection 2 of section 4-18.1-21, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 10-04-16.1, section 15-38.1-05, subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 19-03.1-33, sections 20.1-13.1-09, 20.1-15-09, 23-20.2-04, 23-20.2-08, 28-32-18, 38-08-13, 38-08-14, 38-14.1-35, 39-06.2-10.7, and 39-20-06, subsection 8 of section 43-06-15, sections 43-07-15, 43-10-19, 43-11-32, 43-32-28.1, and 43-41-11, subsection 9 of section 50-01.2-06, subsection 9 of section 50-24.4-01.1, sections 54-03-24, 54-23.4-11, and 54-35-02.6, subsection 3 of section 54-57-01, subsection 1 of section 54-57-03, sections 54-57-04, 57-57-10, and 61-04-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to correction of statutory references to provisions in North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32 and the authority of the administrative rules committee to suspend administrative rules; to repeal existing chapter 28-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administrative agencies practices; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1031:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 4-33-11, section 32-12.1-08, subsection 13 of section 40-49-12, section 40-55-09, subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 57-15-01.1, and sections 57-15-12, 57-15-12.1, 57-15-12.2,

57-15-12.3, 57-15-28.1, and 57-15-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consolidation of property tax levy authority of park districts; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1032:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-35.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1033:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 51-08.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an investigation of an antitrust violation.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1034:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a revolving fund for the investigation of antitrust violations; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1035:** A BILL for an Act relating to a state employee telecommuting incentive program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1036:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility criteria for medical assistance benefits.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1037:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 50-09-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemptions to the temporary assistance for needy families work requirements and sixty-month benefit limit.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1038:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 25-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions; to amend and reenact sections 25-06-01, 25-06-02, and 25-06-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the name of the school for the blind, duties of the school for the blind, and services to nonresidents; and to repeal sections 25-06-04, 25-06-07, and 25-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to qualifications for admission, instruction at the school for the blind, and duty to report blind persons.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1039:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a state venture capital fund.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1040:** A BILL for an Act to create a North Dakota entrepreneur seed fund; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1041:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to credits allowed on the short-form income tax return; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 57-38.5-01 and sections 57-38.5-03 and 57-38.5-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the seed capital investment tax credit; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1042:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 10-30.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to venture capital corporation incorporation.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1043:** A BILL for an Act to provide for payment of certain student loans for students in specified industries; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1044:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12-47-36 and 12-59-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to open records and parole records of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1045:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapters 15.1-13, 15.1-14, 15.1-15, 15.1-16, 15.1-17, 15.1-18, 15.1-20, 15.1-21, 15.1-22, 15.1-23, 15.1-27, 15.1-28, 15.1-29, 15.1-30, 15.1-31, 15.1-32, 15.1-33, 15.1-34, 15.1-35, and 15.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to elementary and secondary education; to repeal chapters 15-21.1, 15-29, 15-34.1, 15-34.2, 15-35, 15-36, 15-37, 15-38, 15-38.1, 15-38.2, 15-40.1, 15-40.2, 15-40.3, 15-41, 15-43, 15-44, 15-45, 15-47, 15-54, 15-59, 15-59.2, 15-59.3, and 15-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to elementary and secondary education provisions addressed in the creation of North Dakota Century Code title 15.1; to provide a penalty; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1046:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15-10, a new section to chapter 15.1-09, and a new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to oaths by faculty members, vehicle and heating fuel purchases, and student usage of alcohol or controlled substances; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 6-09.4-23, sections 15-19-01, 15-19-04, 15.1-06-01, 15.1-07-02, 15.1-07-03, 15.1-07-17, and 15.1-08-06, subsection 2 of section 15.1-09-01, subsection 4 of section 15.1-09-05, sections 15.1-09-25, 15.1-09-26, 15.1-09-31, 15.1-09-34, and 15.1-09-50, subsection 9 of section 15.1-12-10, section 15.1-19-09, subsection 7 of section 21-03-07, sections 21-06-12, 25-01.2-13, 34-07-02, and 34-07-15, subsection 5 of section 50-11.1-02, subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2, sections 54-23.2-04.2, 57-15-14, 57-15-14.2, 57-15-55.1, 57-16-04, and 57-51.1-08, and subsection 1 of section 57-62-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to evidences of indebtedness, correspondence courses, school admission, school district petitions, school district contracts, military installation school districts, school board member oaths, school board size, school board minutes, fuel purchases, school board powers, reorganization, bond issuances, labor by minors, early childhood services, boards and commissions, vital records, educational foundations, special education, mill levies, education funding, and the coal development trust fund; and to repeal sections 15.1-07-22 and 15.1-09-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to oaths of school district business managers and fees.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1047:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-05-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to challenging the right of a person to vote.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1048:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-05-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to challenging the right of a person to vote.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1049:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-30-03.9, 10-19.1-05, 15-18-06, and 26.1-26-11, subsection 6 of section 27-20-02, subsection 1 of section 38-08-09.4, subsection 5 of section 40-47-01.1, subsections 1 and 7 of section 40-63-01, sections 40-63-02, 40-63-03, and 40-63-09, subsection 13 of section 49-21-01, subdivision c of subsection 2 of section 52-06-06.1, and sections 57-39.3-02, 57-40.3-11, and 62.1-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to technical corrections and improper, inaccurate, redundant, missing, or obsolete references; and to repeal chapter 38-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to obsolete provisions.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1050:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-07-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of bills enacted by the Legislative Assembly.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1051:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 4-42, a new subsection to section 26.1-05-19, a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2, a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.3, a new subdivision to subsection 3 of section 57-38-30.3, a new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 57-38-30.3, and a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment and operation of the farmers equity trust fund, issuance of revenue bonds for support of the fund, investments, and income tax credits for investments in bonds and deductions for interest on bonds issued for support of the fund; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1052:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-39.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for sales and use of used farm machinery, farm machinery repair parts, and used irrigation equipment used exclusively for agricultural purposes; to amend and reenact sections 57-39.2-02.1 and 57-40.2-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to imposition of sales tax on sales of used farm machinery, farm machinery repair parts, and used irrigation equipment used exclusively for agricultural purposes; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Boucher introduced:

**HB 1053:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to acquisition of farmland or ranchland by nonprofit organizations.

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

Rep. Maragos introduced:

**HB 1054:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12.1-28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of gambling.

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

Rep. Maragos introduced:

**HB 1055:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to individual income tax determination under the simplified optional method of computing state income taxes; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Wald, Carlson and Sens. Mutch, Solberg introduced:

**HB 1056:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-10-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to audits of regional planning councils by the state auditor.

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

Reps. Wald, Kasper, Monson, Tieman and Sens. Klein, Tallackson introduced:

**HB 1057:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-26-31.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to continuing education requirements for insurance agents.

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

Reps. Byerly, R. Kelsch, Monson and Sens. Fischer, Kringstad, Lyson introduced:

**HB 1058:** A BILL for an Act relating to the creation of a duplicative payment fund and the distribution of duplicative payments received by the superintendent of public instruction.

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

Reps. Koppang, Gulleeson, M. Klein and Sens. Thane, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1059:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 57-02-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to determination of medical care transportation expenses for purposes of the homestead property tax credit for senior citizens; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Koppang, Mahoney, Wikenheiser and Sens. Fischer, Freborg introduced:

**HB 1060:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-21-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to custody of drain funds.

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

Reps. Koppang, Grumbo, Porter and Sens. Cook, Espegard, Solberg introduced:

**HB 1061:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transfer of registration credits.

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

Rep. Carlisle and Sen. Lyson introduced:

**HB 1062:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the jurisdiction of county law enforcement officers.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1063:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-36-09.4, 57-38-60.2, 57-39.2-15.2, 57-40.2-15.1, 57-40.2-15.2, 57-43.1-17.3, 57-43.2-16.2, and 57-43.3-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the personal liability of members in a member-controlled limited liability company for unpaid tobacco products, income withholding, sales or use, motor vehicle fuel, importer for use, special fuels, and aviation fuel taxes; and to provide an effective date.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1064:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-51-02.2, subsection 2 of section 57-51-05, subsection 2 of section 57-51-09, section 57-51-19, subsections 3 and 10 of section 57-51.1-01, and subsection 3 of section 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to publication of the gas base rate adjustment, tax payment, computation of tax on incorrect returns, time for claim of credits or refunds, and date limitations under the oil and gas gross production tax and oil extraction tax.

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-51-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-51-02.2. Gross production tax - Gas.** A gross production tax is levied upon all gas produced within North Dakota less any part thereof, the ownership or right to which is exempt from taxation. The tax levied must attach to the whole production, including the royalty interest. The tax on gas must be calculated by taking the taxable production in mcf times the gas tax rate.

1. ~~For fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991, the gas tax rate is four cents; for fiscal years beginning July 1, 1992, and subsequent years, the~~ The gas tax rate is four cents times the gas base rate adjustment for the each fiscal year as calculated ~~pursuant to~~ under subsection 2.
2.
  - a. ~~On or before May 15, 1992, and annually thereafter, the~~ The tax department shall annually determine the gas base rate adjustment and the resulting gas tax rate for the each fiscal year beginning on the ~~following~~ July first.
  - b. The gas base rate adjustment for the fiscal year is a fraction, the numerator of which is the annual average of the gas fuels producer price index, commodity code 05-3, as calculated and published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the previous calendar year, and the denominator of which is seventy-five and seven-tenths.
  - c. The tax department shall provide the gas base rate adjustment and the gas tax rate for the fiscal year, as determined under this subsection, to affected producers by written notice mailed on or before June first. ~~In addition, the tax department shall publish the adjustment as a rule in the North Dakota Administrative Code.~~
  - d. If the index used to determine the gas base rate adjustment is substantially revised, or if the base year for the index is changed, the department by administrative rule shall make appropriate adjustment to the method used to determine the gas base rate adjustment to ensure a result which is reasonably consistent with the result which would have been obtained had the index not been revised or the base year changed.
  - e. If the gas fuels producer price index is discontinued, a comparable index must be adopted by the department by an administrative rule.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 57-51-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:



2. On oil or gas produced and sold ~~at the time of production~~, the gross production tax thereon must be paid by the purchaser, and the purchaser ~~shall and is hereby~~ authorized to deduct in making settlement with the producer or royalty owner, the amount of tax paid; provided, that in the event oil ~~on which the gross production tax becomes due~~ produced is not sold ~~at the time of production~~ but is retained by the producer, the tax on the oil not sold must be paid by the producer including the tax due on royalty oil not sold; provided further, that in settlement with the royalty owner the producer has the right to deduct the amount of the tax paid on royalty oil or to deduct therefrom royalty oil equivalent in value at the time the tax becomes due with the amount of the tax paid.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 57-51-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. ~~For taxable periods beginning before January 1, 1991, the tax commissioner has six years after the due date of the original return or six years after the original return is filed, whichever period expires later, to assess additional tax found due. For taxable periods beginning after December 31, 1990, and before January 1, 1993, the time to assess is five years. For taxable periods beginning after December 31, 1992, and before January 1, 1995, the time to assess is four years. Effective for taxable periods beginning after December 31, 1994, the time to assess additional tax found due is three years after the due date of the original return or three years after the original return is filed, whichever period expires later. However, if there is a change in tax liability on any return by an amount in excess of twenty-five percent of the amount of tax liability reported on a return, any additional tax determined to be due may be assessed any time within six years after the due date of the return or six years after the return was filed, whichever period expired later.~~

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-51-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-51-19. Claim for credit or refund.** In all cases of overpayment, duplicate payment, or payment made in error, the commissioner may issue a certificate stating therein the facts and the amount of the refund to which the taxpayer may be entitled. Upon presentation of the certificate to the office of management and budget, a warrant shall be issued to the taxpayer for the purpose of refunding any overpayment, duplicate payment, or payment made in error out of the unapportioned gross production tax in the state treasury and a pro rata share thereof must be charged against the county entitled to share in the tax. Interest arising from refunds of overpayments, duplicate payments, and erroneous payments must be allowed and paid at the rate of ten percent per annum and accrues for payment from sixty days after the due date of the return or after the return was filed or after the tax was fully paid, whichever comes later.

A taxpayer may file a claim for credit or refund of an overpayment of tax. ~~For taxable periods beginning before January 1, 1991, the claim must be filed within six three years of the due date of the return or six three years after the return was filed. For taxable periods beginning after December 31, 1990, and before January 1, 1993, the taxpayer must file a claim within five years. For taxable periods beginning after December 31, 1992, and before January 1, 1995, the taxpayer must file a claim within four years. For taxable periods beginning after December 31, 1994, the taxpayer must file the claim within three years. However, if there is a change in tax liability on any return by an amount in excess of twenty-five percent of the amount of tax liability reported on a return, a claim for refund of tax may be filed within six years after the due date of the return or six years after the return was filed, whichever period expires last.~~

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 3 and 10 of section 57-51.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

3. "Horizontal reentry well" means a well that was not initially drilled and completed as a horizontal well, including any well initially plugged and abandoned as a dry hole, which is reentered and recompleted as a horizontal well ~~after March 31, 1995.~~
10. "Stripper well property" means a "property" whose average daily production of oil, excluding condensate recovered in nonassociated production, per well did not exceed ten barrels per day for wells of a depth of six thousand feet [1828.80 meters] or less, fifteen barrels per day for wells of a depth of more than six thousand feet [1828.80 meters] but not more than ten thousand feet [3048 meters], and thirty barrels per day for wells of a depth of more than ten thousand feet [3048 meters] during any preceding consecutive twelve-month period ~~beginning after~~

~~December 31, 1972.~~ Wells which did not actually yield or produce oil during the qualifying twelve-month period, including disposal wells, dry wells, spent wells, and shut-in wells, are not production wells for the purpose of determining whether the stripper well property exemption applies.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. For a well drilled and completed ~~after April 27, 1987~~ as a vertical well, the initial production of oil from the well is exempt from any taxes imposed under this chapter for a period of fifteen months, except that oil produced from any well drilled and completed as a horizontal well ~~after March 31, 1995~~, is exempt from any taxes imposed under this chapter for a period of twenty-four months. Oil recovered during testing prior to well completion is exempt from the oil extraction tax. The exemption under this subsection becomes ineffective if the average price of a barrel of crude oil for any consecutive five-month period in any year is thirty-three dollars or more. However, the exemption is reinstated if, after the aforementioned trigger provision becomes effective, the average price of a barrel of crude oil is less than thirty-three dollars for any consecutive five-month period in any year.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1065:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 57-38-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the allocation and apportionment of partnership income for income tax purposes; to amend and reenact subsections 4, 5, and 6 of section 57-38-04 and section 57-38-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the allocation and apportionment of an individual's gross income and the distribution of partnership income for income tax purposes; to repeal section 57-38-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation and apportionment of partnership income for income tax purposes; and to provide an effective date.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1066:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 47-30.1-21.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abandoned property payments; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 47-30.1-22 and subsection 2 of section 47-30.1-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abandoned property under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1067:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 51-05.1-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to auctioneer's and auction clerk's license renewals and fees; and to repeal section 51-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to auctioneer and auction clerk license renewal requirements.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education)

**HB 1068:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 15-20.4-03 and section 15-20.4-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorization and incorporation of private postsecondary educational institutions.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Game and Fish Department)

**HB 1069:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to restrictions on guides and outfitters; and to amend and reenact subsection 17 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the director of the game and fish department.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Game and Fish Department)

**HB 1070:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 20.1-02-05 and a new subsection to section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gratis hunting licenses for certified hunter education volunteer instructors; and to amend

and reenact subsection 18 of section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to certificate fees.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

**HB 1071:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-11-01, 27-11-03.1, 27-11-06, 27-11-07, 27-11-08, 27-11-09, 27-11-10, 27-11-11, 27-11-12, 27-11-13, 27-11-14, 27-11-15, 27-11-17, 27-11-19, 27-11-22, 27-11-23, 27-11-24, 27-12-02, 27-12-04, and 27-12-06 and subsections 2 and 3 of section 54-57-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the name of the state bar board to the board of law examiners.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1072:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-38-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the requirements to file annual income tax withholding returns by employers; and to provide an effective date.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1073:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-04-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to leasing of school trust lands.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1074:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the lands and minerals trust fund.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1075:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 20.1-11-04 and 20.1-11-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the director of the game and fish department to establish game refuges and game and fish management areas on public land.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1076:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-57 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disclosure of identifying information to the board of university and school lands; and to amend and reenact section 57-39.2-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disclosure of identifying information to the board of university and school lands.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1077:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-38-34 and subsection 8 of section 57-38-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing date of exempt organization income tax returns regarding unrelated business taxable income and tax assessment extension agreements; and to provide an effective date.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1078:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 3 of section 57-38-62 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to estimated income tax payment requirements; and to provide an effective date.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners)

**HB 1079:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 43-29-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a certificate required by the board of veterinary medical examiners.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Banking and Financial Institutions)

**HB 1080:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-03-13.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to factors the state banking board must consider for a banking facility relocation.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Banking and Financial Institutions)

**HB 1081:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 13-04.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to money broker licenses.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Banking and Financial Institutions)

**HB 1082:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 6-01-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to information sharing agreements between the department of banking and financial institutions and other state agencies.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1083:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 52-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disqualification for purposes of determining unemployment compensation benefits; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1084:** A BILL for an Act to repeal section 52-02-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the required balance of the job insurance trust fund.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1085:** A BILL for an Act to repeal section 52-04-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to impact project incremental bonds under the unemployment compensation system.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1086:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 52-04-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the risk adjustment rate for unemployment compensation contributions.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1087:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 3 and 4 of section 52-04-05, section 52-04-08, and subsection 1 of section 52-04-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unemployment compensation employer industrial classification, employer experience record, employer experience record transfers, and corporate officer personal liability; and to provide a penalty.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1088:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unemployment compensation electronic reporting by employers.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Gaming Commission)

**HB 1089:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 12.1-30-03 and a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to businesses

allowed to operate on Sunday and compulsive gambling services; to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-01, subsections 3 and 4 of section 53-06.1-01.1, subsections 1 and 4 of section 53-06.1-03, subsections 1, 3, and 5 of section 53-06.1-06, sections 53-06.1-07.2, 53-06.1-07.4, and 53-06.1-10, subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-11.1, subsections 1 and 2 of section 53-06.1-14, subsections 3 and 8 of section 53-06.1-15.1, and subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to games of chance; and to repeal section 53-06.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compulsive gambling services.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1090:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-21-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing fees and exemption from rate of return regulation for the provision of telecommunications service.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1091:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 64-02-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for testing or calibrating weighing and measuring devices.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

**HB 1092:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 12-47-34 and a new subsection to section 12.1-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to escapes from the custody of the warden and jurisdiction over escapes; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12.1-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to escapes; to repeal sections 29-03-15 and 29-03-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to escapes; and to declare an emergency.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1093:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 3 of section 49-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unauthorized charges in telecommunications service and providers.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

**HB 1094:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a teacher mentor program; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission)

**HB 1095:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-14.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compensation of members of the agricultural products utilization commission.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Pharmacy)

**HB 1096:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 19-02.1-14.1, subsection 4 of section 19-02.1-15, subdivision a of subsection 23 of section 19-03.1-01, subsection 6 of section 19-03.1-05, subsection 4 of section 19-03.1-09, subsections 4 and 6 of section 19-03.1-11, subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-22, and subsection 26 of section 43-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice of pharmacy.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement)

**HB 1097:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-39.1-04, 15-39.1-09, 15-39.1-10.3, 15-39.1-11, 15-39.1-17, 15-39.1-19.1, 15-39.1-20, 15-39.1-25, and

15-39.1-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to employer and teacher contributions under the teachers' fund for retirement.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Employees Retirement System)

**HB 1098:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-52-01, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 54-52-02.1, and sections 54-52-05, 54-52-06, 54-52-06.1, 54-52-06.2, 54-52-08, 54-52-11.1, 54-52.6-09, and 54-52.6-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to employer and employee contributions under the defined benefit contribution retirement plan and the defined contribution retirement plan; and to repeal section 54-52.6-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to income tax treatment of employee assessments under the defined contribution retirement plan.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Employees Retirement System)

**HB 1099:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state retirement board authority over excess uniform group insurance program funds; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 54-52.1-01, subsection 3 of section 54-52.1-03, and sections 54-52.1-03.3, 54-52.1-06, and 54-52.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of eligible employee, retiree eligibility for the group health insurance program and retiree health benefits, and excess funds and confidentiality of records under the uniform group insurance program; and to provide a transfer.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Employees Retirement System)

**HB 1100:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the acceptance of rollover contributions under the defined contribution retirement plan; and to amend and reenact sections 54-52.6-02, 54-52.6-03, 54-52.6-13, and 54-52.6-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to participation, calculation of interest on transferred amounts, distribution options, and disability benefits under the defined contribution retirement plan.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement)

**HB 1101:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15-39.1-04, subdivision a of subsection 11 of section 15-39.1-04, and sections 15-39.1-16, 15-39.1-19.1, and 15-39.1-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions, annuities, participation by retired members who have resumed teaching, and confidentiality of records under the teachers' fund for retirement.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement)

**HB 1102:** 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 benefit adjustments under the teachers' fund for retirement; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-39.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the computation of benefits under the teachers' fund for retirement; and to provide for application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

**HB 1103:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-05-01, 27-05-02.1, and 27-05-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to judicial districts, vacancies in the office of district judge, and the election of presiding judges.

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

Political Subdivisions Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Auditor)

**HB 1104:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-23-02 and 25-01.1-20, subsection 2 of section 27-17-02, section 36-15-06, subsection 3 of section 40-16-03, and sections 40-33-24, 40-33.1-08, 40-40-04, 40-61-07, and 61-24-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties of the state auditor; and to repeal sections 40-40-12 and 54-10-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state auditor.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State Laws)

**HB 1105:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a computerized central indexing system; to create and enact section 41-05-18 and a new chapter 41-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Uniform Commercial Code Article 9 - Secured Transactions; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 11-18-05, sections 32-20-08 and 35-06-11, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 35-29-04, subsection 2 of section 35-32-02, section 35-34-06, subsection 2 of section 41-01-05, section 41-01-10.5, subsections 9 and 32 and subdivision a of subsection 37 of section 41-01-11, subsection 2 of section 41-01-16, subdivision d of subsection 3 of section 41-02-03, sections 41-02-17, 41-02-43, and 41-02-50, subsection 3 of section 41-02-95, subsection 3 of section 41-02.1-03, sections 41-02.1-33 and 41-02.1-37, subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 41-02.1-39, subdivision a of subsection 3 of section 41-04-22, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 41-07-32, subsection 6 of section 41-08-03, section 41-08-06, subsection 5 of section 41-08-10, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 41-08-27, subsection 1 of section 41-08-28, section 41-08-50, subsection 12 of section 47-19-02, subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 49-04-19, and section 54-09-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; and to repeal present chapter 41-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to secured transactions.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State Laws)

**HB 1106:** A BILL for an Act to adopt the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, relating to electronic records and electronic signatures.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State Laws)

**HB 1107:** A BILL for an Act to provide for the adoption of the Uniform Foreign Money-Judgments Recognition Act.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1108:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 50-01.2-00.1, sections 50-09-06, 50-09-06.1, and subsection 1 of section 50-09-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program; and to repeal sections 50-06-01.8 and 50-09-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transition to the temporary assistance for needy families program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1109:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.5 and a new subsection to section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration fees, requirements, and complaints to the department of human services regarding assisted living facilities; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-09-01, subsection 1 of section 23-09.3-01, and sections 23-09.3-05, 50-24.5-01, and 50-24.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring assisted living facilities to be licensed as boardinghouses, definitions, licensing fees for basic care facilities, and limits on cost of services provided; to repeal section 23-09.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to choice of pharmacy services; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1110:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to interest accrued on uncollected aged, blind, and disabled claims.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1111:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 23-09.3-01, sections 23-09.3-02, 23-09.3-04, 23-09.3-05, 23-09.3-06, 23-09.3-07, 23-09.3-08, 23-09.3-08.1, 23-09.3-10, 23-09.3-11, subsection 3 of section 50-10.1-01, subsections 3 and 7 of

section 50-24.5-02, subsection 7 of section 50-24.5-03, and section 50-24.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to basic care and assisted living facilities; to repeal sections 23-09.3-01.1 and 23-09.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the moratorium on expansion of basic care bed capacity and access to a pharmacist; and to provide a contingent effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1112:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the department of human services relating to the aid to aged, blind, and disabled persons program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1113:** A BILL for an Act to repeal section 23-09.3-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the moratorium on expansion of basic care bed capacity.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Political Subdivisions Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1114:** A BILL for an Act to authorize the department of human services to convey certain land in Stutsman County, North Dakota, to the city of Jamestown; and to declare an emergency.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1115:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 and a new subsection to section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a personal care option for individuals residing in basic care facilities and an income supplement for eligible beneficiaries who reside in assisted living facilities.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1116:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prior authorization for medical assistance-covered services and drugs.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1117:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-24.3-01 and 50-24.3-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of targeted case management by the department of human services.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Political Subdivisions Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1118:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 18-08-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fire inspection of state buildings and institutions.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1119:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing a state employee performance bonus program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1120:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pilot programs for recruiting and retaining state employees in hard-to-fill occupations; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:



(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1121:** A BILL for an Act to repeal section 57-06-17.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state payments in lieu of taxes for tax-exempt carbon dioxide pipeline property.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1122:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 46-02-04, 46-02-05, 46-02-06, 46-02-07, and 46-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the acquisition, classifications, specifications, and the authority of the office of management and budget with respect to state printing.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1123:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to preference to North Dakota bidders for services and specifying name brand merchandise.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1124:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 46-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to review and adjustment of rates for legal notices by the office of management and budget.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1125:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-44.4-01, 54-44.4-02, 54-44.4-03, 54-44.4-04, and 54-44.4-05 and subsections 1 and 4 of section 54-44.4-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorizing the office of management and budget to procure contracts for services to be provided to state agencies.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Securities Commissioner)

**HB 1126:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 43-10.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pre-need funeral contracts; to amend and reenact sections 43-10.1-01, 43-10.1-03, 43-10.1-04, 43-10.1-05, and 43-10.1-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pre-need funeral contracts; and to repeal section 23-06-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pre-need funeral contracts.

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

Rep. Keiser introduced:

**HB 1127:** A BILL for an Act to repeal section 9 of chapter 541 of the 1997 Session Laws, relating to elimination of the expiration date of laws relating to workers' compensation coverage for inmates engaged in work programs through roughrider industries.

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

Rep. Drovdal introduced:

**HB 1128:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools.

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

Rep. Drovdal introduced:

**HB 1129:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-07-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation coverage for children of employers.

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

Rep. Hanson introduced:

**HB 1130:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-40.3-05 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 15.1-31-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transportation of students participating in open enrollment.

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

Rep. Haas and Sen. Wardner introduced:

**HB 1131:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-40.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax refund for casual sales in an amount that would have been allowed if the motor vehicle was used as a trade-in on the purchase of a replacement vehicle; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Klemin and Sen. Trenbeath introduced:

**HB 1132:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 35-03-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the recordation of a mortgage.

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

Rep. Klemin and Sen. Trenbeath introduced:

**HB 1133:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-19-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the proof of a document.

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

Rep. Klemin introduced:

**HB 1134:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax exemption for sales of antique motor vehicles; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Weisz and Sen. Klein introduced:

**HB 1135:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-09-08, subsection 36 of section 57-15-06.7, and subsection 6 of section 57-15-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limitations on the levy by counties for comprehensive health care insurance programs; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Belter introduced:

**HB 1136:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-15-20.2 and a new chapter to title 58 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to township flood protection and property tax levy authority for a township flood protection fund; and to provide an effective date.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1137:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 26.1-08-06 and 26.1-08-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to minimum benefits and medicare supplement plans of a qualified comprehensive health plan.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1138:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contractor licenses.

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

Reps. Dosch, Ruby introduced:

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1139:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 14 of section 45-10.1-15 and subsection 1 of section 45-10.1-52 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the foreign limited partnership amendment fee and registration filed with the secretary of state.

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

Reps. Bellew, Meier introduced:

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1140:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 45-22-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limited liability partnership registrations filed with the secretary of state.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1141:** A BILL for an Act to provide for distribution of appropriated funds for the school district reorganization bonus; and to amend and reenact sections 15.1-12-10 and 15.1-12-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the general fund and

building fund levies of a newly reorganized school district and the school district reorganization bonus.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Public Instruction)

**HB 1142:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-59-01 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15.1-32-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a child or student with disabilities.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1143:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 26.1-22.1-07, 26.1-22.1-08, 26.1-22.1-09, and 26.1-22.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for inspection of boilers.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1144:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26.1-36-09.11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to insurance coverage for breast reconstruction surgery; and to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 26.1-36.3-05 and subsection 5 of section 26.1-36.4-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to renewability of health insurance coverage.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1145:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-40.1-07 and 15-40.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact sections 15.1-27-06 and 15.1-27-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the adjustment of weighting factors for per student state aid payments to school districts.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1146:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 15-40.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of per student state aid payments to school districts.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1147:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 24-02-03.3 and subsection 4 of section 54-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to use of personal motor vehicles by state employees.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1148:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-08-05.1, subsection 8 of section 54-44.4-02, and section 54-44.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to approval of vouchers for state purchases made using a purchasing card and required use of purchasing cards for state purchases costing less than a designated amount.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Rep. Froelich introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1149:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to agreements between school districts for students who attend vocational education courses; and to amend and reenact sections 15-40.1-16.1 and 15-41-24 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02 and 15.1-27-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state transportation payments and minimum curriculum requirements.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Nursing)

**HB 1150:** A BILL for an Act to allow certain administrative agencies to enter into licensing compacts with other states.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Water Commission)

**HB 1151:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to construction of a Devils Lake outlet; to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 54-27-25, subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 61-01-26.2, subsections 7 and 9 of section 61-02.1-01, and subsection 3 of section 61-02.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funds deposited in the water development trust fund and bonding for a Devils Lake outlet; and to declare an emergency.

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

Rep. Porter and Sen. Klein introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1152:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 11 of section 65-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of compensable injury for workers' compensation purposes; and to provide an effective date.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1153:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing incentives for employers to hire workers who have previously sustained a work injury; to amend and reenact subsection 19 of section 65-01-02 and sections 65-05-08 and 65-05-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of fee schedule for workers' compensation purposes, prohibiting employers from requiring injured workers to use sick or annual leave benefits, the confidentiality and use of workers' compensation claim file information; to provide a penalty; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1154:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing information on the burial locations of wartime veterans; and to repeal section 37-03-12 and chapter 37-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recording of persons who provided military service during World War II and the Korean hostilities and recording the burial places of wartime veterans.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of Massage)

**HB 1155:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-25 to the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties of the board of massage; to amend and reenact sections 43-25-02, 43-25-03, 43-25-04, 43-25-05, 43-25-06, 43-25-07, 43-25-08, 43-25-09, 43-25-10, 43-25-13, 43-25-14, 43-25-18, and 43-25-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice of massage; to repeal sections 43-25-11, 43-25-12, and 43-25-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice of massage; and to provide a penalty.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1156:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the direct billing of employee lodging expenses.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1157:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a quality schools commission for studying the provision of education in public schools for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing educational quality and to provide for the powers, duties, funding, and staffing of the commission; to provide an appropriation; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Water Commission)

**HB 1158:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-24.3-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of bonds that may be issued to finance the southwest pipeline project.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Attorney General)

**HB 1159:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-31-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to detection of deception examiner fees.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Attorney General)

**HB 1160:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disposition of fees for concealed weapons licenses.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1161:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-05-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation permanent impairment awards; and to provide an effective date.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1162:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-05.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 6 of chapter 556 of the 1999 Session Laws, relating to payment of supplementary benefits for certain workers' compensation benefit recipients; and to provide an effective date.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1163:** A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for expanding the workers' compensation safety grant program.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1164:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 37-17.1-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the expiration date of the fee system used to fund the state hazardous chemicals preparedness and response fund.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1165:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-07.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tuition grants to national guard members.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1166:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 48-01.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the department of transportation procuring plans and specifications for buildings to be used for the storage and housing of road materials, machinery, equipment, and tools.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1167:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 24-02-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of department of transportation educational financial aid and to expand eligible areas of study.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1168:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 14-09-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to interest on unpaid child support.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1169:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-27-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the revolving fund for prepayment of planning and consulting fees for capital improvements.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1170:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-30-03.1, 4-30-03.2, 4-30-03.3, 4-30-03.4, 4-30-03.6, 4-30-03.7, 4-30-03.8, 4-30-13.1, 4-30-18, 4-30-20, 4-30-36, 4-30-36.2, 4-30-36.3, and 4-30-36.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to elimination of references to the sale of cream and to update references to federal laws and regulations; and to repeal sections 4-30-19, 4-30-21, 4-30-22, 4-30-23, 4-30-24, 4-30-25, 4-30-26, and 4-30-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to standards for production and sale of cream.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Water Commission)

**HB 1171:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-01-26.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to supplementing the water resources of eastern North Dakota.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1172:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to waive any statutes or rules relating to education to encourage innovative schools.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1173:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-08-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor repeat offenders.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1174:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-33-01, 39-33-02, and 39-33-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to privacy of driver and motor vehicle records; and to declare an emergency.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1175:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06.2-01, subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 39-06.2-09, and section 39-06.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to driving a commercial motor vehicle; and to provide a penalty.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1176:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 26.1-05-18, 26.1-05-19, 26.1-05-31, 26.1-10-02, subsections 1 and 6 of section 26.1-10-05, sections 26.1-24-10, 26.1-31.2-01, and 26.1-31.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorized investment of funds of insurance companies and reinsurance credit for a domestic insurer.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Public Instruction)

**HB 1177:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-01-03, 15.1-10-01, 15.1-10-02, 15.1-10-03, 15.1-10-04, 15.1-11-04, 15.1-12-01, 15.1-12-03, 15.1-12-04, 15.1-12-05, 15.1-12-08, 15.1-12-09, 15.1-12-10, 15.1-12-11, 15.1-12-13, 15.1-12-14, 15.1-12-26, and 15.1-12-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regional committees to address school district annexations, reorganizations, and dissolutions; and to provide for transition.

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

Reps. Grosz, F. Klein introduced:  
(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1178:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 47-22-06.1, subsection 5 of section 47-22-08, subsection 3 of section 47-25-06.1, and subsection 4 of section 47-25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to name changes of registrants and cancellations of trademarks and trade names filed with the secretary of state.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1179:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 6-09.16-01, 6-09.16-02, 6-09.16-03, 6-09.16-04, 6-09.16-05, 6-09.16-06, 50-24.4-30, 50-30-01, 50-30-02, and 50-30-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the nursing facility alternative loan fund, nursing facility alternative loan fund applications, terms and conditions of nursing facility alternative loans, the government nursing facility funding pool, definitions, uses of the North Dakota health care trust fund, and long-term care loans; to provide for a transfer from the nursing facility alternative grant fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1180:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-10-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the adjutant general to lease or vacate property.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Agriculture Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1181:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 4-05.1-19 and subsection 1 of section 4-05.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state board of agricultural research and education biennial budget requests and use of agricultural research fund annual proceeds.

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

Education Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1182:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-21-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of telecommunications service for purposes of telecommunications regulation.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Labor Commissioner)

**HB 1183:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 34-14-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to wages payable upon separation from employment.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1184:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-04-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to license fee credits.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1185:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-01-16, subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 39-05-05, and subsection 1 of section 39-05-09.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle registration and titling.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1186:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 24-02-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to mileage reimbursement rates for disabled state employees driving specially equipped vehicles.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1187:** A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation to defray the expenses of bringing contracted programs and services into the workers compensation bureau.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Public Instruction)

**HB 1188:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-34.2-03, 15-40.1-16, and subsection 2 of section 15-40.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-26, subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-03, and section 15.1-30-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school district transportation.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1189:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06-20, subsection 6 of section 39-06-32, subsection 1 of section 39-06-33, section 39-06.1-04, subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-13, section 39-16.1-01, subsection 2 of section 39-20-03.2, and subsection 1 of section 39-20-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice of change of address for an operator's license or permit, suspension for failure to appear in court or post and forfeit bond, means to request a hearing, reduction of point total, proof of financial responsibility, serving results of a blood test on a nonresident operator, and extension of a temporary operator's permit.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1190:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recognition of federal income tax child and dependent care credits on the short-form individual income tax return; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Keiser introduced:

**HB 1191:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the disposition of traffic offenses for diplomats.

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

Rep. Klemin introduced:

**HB 1192:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 35-33-05 and 35-33-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to self-service storage facility liens.

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

Rep. Klemin introduced:

**HB 1193:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 28-26-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the assessment of legal fees following a judgment.

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

Rep. Klemin and Sen. Trenbeath introduced:

**HB 1194:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 35-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a certificate of release for a mortgage.

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

Rep. Klemin introduced:

**HB 1195:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-01-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees charged by abstracters.

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

Reps. Devlin, Boucher, Severson and Sens. Andrist, Fischer, Solberg introduced:

**HB 1196:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 6-09.16-01, 6-09.16-02, 6-09.16-03, 6-09.16-04, 6-09.16-05, 6-09.16-06, 50-24.4-30, 50-30-01, 50-30-02, and



50-30-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the nursing facility alternative loan fund, the government nursing facility funding pool, and nursing facility or developmental disability facility loans; to provide for a transfer from the nursing facility alternative grant fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Legislative Compensation Commission)

**HB 1197:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to mileage and travel expense reimbursement for state officials and employees.

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

### FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3001:** A concurrent resolution urging Congress to provide for a consistent system of grain grading based upon point-of-origin grain grading.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3002:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the completed revision of those provisions of Title 15 of the North Dakota Century Code which relate to elementary and secondary education for the purpose of reconciling any inconsistencies or irregularities.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3003:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study and develop a legislative redistricting plan or plans for use in the 2002 primary election.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3004:** A concurrent resolution urging Congress not to implement or allow implementation of the Kyoto Protocol because of the potentially disastrous impact on American agriculture.

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

Rep. Porter and Sen. Stenehjem introduced:

**HCR 3005:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the fees and point demerits for traffic offenses.

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

Reps. Maragos, L. Thoreson introduced:

**HCR 3006:** A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to participation by the state of North Dakota in a multistate lottery.

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

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

### JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the House and Senate convened at 1:15 p.m., with Speaker Bernstein presiding.

### MOTION

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Lt. Governor Dalrymple to the rostrum and Mrs. Betsy Dalrymple to a special seat in the balcony, which motion prevailed. Speaker Bernstein appointed Sen. Gary Nelson and Rep. Belter to such committee and Lt. Governor Dalrymple was escorted into the chambers to his respective seat. Lt. Governor Dalrymple recognized his family seated in the balcony.

**SPEAKER BERNSTEIN PRESENTED** Lt. Governor Dalrymple to the Assembly and turned the gavel over to him.

### MOTION

**REP. NELSON MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Vandewalle to the rostrum, which motion prevailed. The Chair appointed Sen. Traynor and Rep. Mahoney to the committee and Chief Justice Vandewalle was escorted to the rostrum.

**MOTION**

**REP. NANCY JOHNSON MOVED** that two committees of two be appointed to escort Former Governors and Former Chief Justices and their Spouses to special reserved seats in the Assembly. The Chair appointed Sen. Bercier and Rep. Bill Kretschmar to escort former Chief Justice Ralph Erickstad and Mrs. Lois Erickstad to special reserved seats in the Assembly. The Chair appointed Sen. Kringstad and Rep. Jeff Delzer to the committee to escort Gov. Arthur A. Link and Mrs. Grace Link to their special reserved seats in the Assembly.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOUCHER MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Honorable Earl Pomeroy, United States Congressman from the Great State of North Dakota, to a special reserved seat in the Assembly. The Chair appointed Sen. Wardner and Rep. Guleson to the Committee.

**MOTION**

**SEN. KREBSBACH MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Honorable John Hoeven, Governor of the Great State of North Dakota, to the rostrum, and First Lady Mikey Hoeven and daughter Marcela, and son Jack to special seats in the Assembly. The Chair appointed Sen. Watne and Rep. Keiser to the escort committee. The colors will be presented by the Honor Guard from Veterans of Foreign War Post 1326, Bismarck. The Color Guard is composed of Veterans who served in the Korean Theater of operations in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

St. Mary's Central High School Blues Choir sang the National Anthem.

The invocation was given by Bishop Zipfel.

St. Mary's Central High School Blues presented a musical selection.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**CHIEF JUSTICE VANDEWALLE ADMINISTERED** the Oath of Office to the elected officials of North Dakota.

**CHIEF JUSTICE VANDEWALLE ADMINISTERED** the Oath of Office to Governor John Hoeven with the assistance of First Lady Mikey Hoeven.

Governor John Hoeven presented his address.

**2001 Inaugural Address  
Governor John Hoeven  
January 9, 2001**

Thank you. Allow me to acknowledge Lt. Governor Dalrymple, Speaker Bernstein, Congressman Pomeroy, Governor Link, Justices of the Supreme Court, elected officials, distinguished legislators of the 57th Assembly, Tribal Leaders, my wife, Mikey, my children Marcela and Jack, and all my family. And, to those of you listening or watching statewide, good afternoon.

I am honored to stand here today as North Dakota's 33rd Governor, the first Governor of the new century and the new millennium. I pledge to you that I will work every day to live up to the faith that the people of North Dakota have placed in me.

The last time I gave a speech in such a formal setting was last summer in Philadelphia, a few days after getting butted in the head by a horse at the Taylor Horse Fest. The result was a black eye and stitches.

I am looking forward to the coming legislative session, and ask only that you treat me better than that horse did.

Today, as you in the Legislature undertake the important work of developing policy for the state, I want to share my vision of where North Dakota has been, and where North Dakota is going. It is a vision that rests on the knowledge that our people are grounded in family and faith, and their reputation as diligent, capable and resourceful citizens is known across the nation.

I believe North Dakota has weathered the rough storms that have historically buffeted our economy. Not every day can dawn clear and bright, but I do think that the long-term outlook is promising.

We can create more, better-paying jobs throughout all of North Dakota. By doing so, we will keep our young people in the state, and encourage others to return. And we will pay for the services people need through economic growth, not through tax increases.

Let me pause here to thank former Governor Ed Schafer for his leadership, setting us in the right direction. His positive attitude and supportive policies toward business growth helped make North Dakota a better place to live. Governor, wherever you may be on your much-delayed honeymoon with Nancy, thank you.

To you in the Legislature, you also demonstrated leadership, and North Dakotans owe you words of appreciation, as well.

And to those in the private sector, who are the real visionaries, the real risk-takers, let me assure you that my administration's approach is one of empowerment. We want to provide the necessary tools for you to expand, to prosper, and to grow. You are the ones who will truly carry us forward.

Economic diversification is real. North Dakota's economy used to rely heavily on agriculture and energy, swinging wildly with world markets. Farming, ranching and energy production will remain critical to the creation of good jobs, but they are not the only source of employment now.

Our service sector is a growing strength. Manufacturing is on the rise. We are targeting new industries that will bring new wealth and new people to the state.

There is a New Economy, and North Dakota must be part of it.

As I have worked in economic development and in my travels across the state, I see this New Economy taking hold in the form of value-added agriculture, advanced manufacturing, and technology-based business services.

The New Economy is Kent and Jeanne Sortland of Jamestown, who grow sunflowers, soybeans, wheat and barley on the family farm in Litchville. Jeanne works at Dakota Growers Pasta in Carrington as quality assurance manager.

In addition to farming, Kent turned to technology as a tool in entrepreneurship, one of the basic ways of creating the better-paying jobs North Dakota needs.

Several years ago, he launched a new web site, grainline.com, with marketing information for farmers. He's recently merged with a livestock-oriented web site, and plans to move into the new technology center in Valley City, hoping to create 40 new jobs there.

The New Economy is international. On the Schroeder-family farmstead in Davenport, a young company has started up. Ice Crystal Engineering manufactures cloud-seeding flares used in hail suppression and rain enhancement - a product first used in North Dakota. Contracts have been closed with companies and countries worldwide, in places such as Argentina, the United Arab Emirates and Greece. As a result, seventeen local people have good jobs in rural North Dakota.

The New Economy is advanced manufacturing. Progressive companies are drawing on our excellent workforce all across the state. During my time at the Bank of North Dakota, we helped recruit Polar Ware to McClusky.

This manufacturer of stainless steel products is moving its food service and health care product lines to McClusky, creating about 20 jobs with more to come. These are technically skilled jobs, working with advanced manufacturing robotics. Just one company has made a tremendous difference to this rural community in central North Dakota. Our challenge is to recreate this success in a hundred towns all across the state. And we can do it!

The New Economy is technology-based business services. Reliastar, an insurance services company in Minot, uses the latest technology to serve clients around the globe. With an additional 150 jobs just announced, employment will soon rise to 700 people. Workers at Reliastar can keep their children close-by at the company's onsite day-care center. Last year, the company rewarded employees with bonuses of \$4,000 to \$6,000!

The New Economy is value-added production. Adnan AIDayel, coming to the state with his North Dakota wife, Merita, has worked with the Central Dakota Cattle Association to create Dakota Halal Processing. The plant will process locally raised livestock for a niche market, following strict dietary and religious guidelines required by the Muslim community. The result is more jobs for rural North Dakota, and another market for North Dakota livestock.

Step by step, our economy changes from the old to the new. North Dakotans are embracing the change, and to our children, it's just second nature.

Last Friday I visited Discovery Junior High School in Fargo to announce my education plan. It's a wonderful school, with excellent teachers and good kids.

Before I left, one of the students presented me with a photograph of the just-completed news conference - captured on a digital camera, and already printed out in full color.

And I visited an eighth-grade classroom, where students had used the Internet exclusively to research the last election, looking up the candidates' positions on all the issues. They then produced a videotape Oprah show, including an interview with a student standing in for me - wearing a paper moustache! He did a great job, but it was a little disturbing - he answered the questions better than I would have!

Education remains the foundation upon which the New Economy will grow. That's why I have proposed a major salary increase for our state teachers.

The plan - which will bring a \$3,500 boost in compensation over two years - is vital for retaining our good teachers and keeping the high quality of our schools. It represents a bold new approach for education, fully paid for within our budget. It takes the pressure off local property taxes, and gives school boards the flexibility they need.

It's a big step, but a necessary investment in our children, the future quality of our workforce, and ultimately, the economic vitality of our state.

Allow me to talk about the budget for a moment. We will be making available updated figures and proposals from OMB after we conclude. We have built a responsible budget, based on conservative revenue projections. For example, the potential draw from the Bank of North Dakota is less than in the budget for the current biennium.

My budget recommendations emphasize the tools we need to foster the New Economy - the economic change we need to create more, better-paying jobs.

The budget embraces technology and the completion of the statewide high-speed data network. We will provide high-speed Internet access capabilities to 194 communities, using the network to expand distance education and technology workforce development programs. For business and education, this is the infrastructure upon which our next level of economic growth will come.

The state also needs to focus its economic development efforts, to become more creative and effective. To that end, I believe strongly that we should bring development-related agencies into a one-stop-shop, a Department of Commerce.

I am speaking of ED&F, Tourism, Community Services and Workforce Development.

The proposed Commerce Department will eliminate nine positions and target more dollars for real economic development. We can put more money into creating jobs while cutting government.

We will create new tools, like an investment tax credit that will encourage North Dakotans to invest in new and expanding primary-sector businesses. Five million dollars in tax credits will spur \$25 million of investment. We must encourage North Dakota investors to invest in North Dakota business.

We must also have more public venture capital. My budget adds nearly \$3 million to the Development Fund, a vital source of public venture capital in the state. Another \$1 million also goes for marketing the state to visitors and investors alike.

Of course, farming and ranching will remain the foundation of North Dakota's economy. On the federal level, we must work with Congress to develop a farm policy that retains planting flexibility while establishing a better safety net. Our farmers need and deserve a long-term policy and level playing field.

On the state level, we should phase out the state sales tax on used farm machinery and repair parts. The impact on revenues will be \$5.5 million, but I believe that money would be best left in the pockets of North Dakota's farmers and Main Street businesses. And we also reaffirm our strong commitment to research dollars for agriculture. Several million dollars invested in ag

research can return hundreds of millions to our state's economy through new, disease-resistant crops.

In research for agriculture and in other areas as well, our university system must help drive us forward. Through research and development, innovation and workforce training, higher education has a major role to play in our economic development efforts.

That is why we have added Challenge Grant funding to the budget to help our universities access matching funds from federal programs and private industry. The budget also includes funding for innovative scholarships for students and faculty alike to encourage them to pursue more math, science and technology-based degrees. And, we added the requested dollars for workforce training. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we have provided our university system the flexibility envisioned by the Higher Education Roundtable.

While we embark on these exciting initiatives, this budget also retains the responsibilities central to government - to help those who need help - our senior citizens, the less fortunate, and those who can use a hand on the way toward a better life.

We can ensure that our seniors are well-cared for, by qualified staff. And we can make sure that North Dakota's reputation as a safe, low-crime state remains true.

I am pleased to provide these revisions to the executive budget, and I look forward to discussing them with the Legislature.

Not only discussing ... but also working on these priorities ... together.... With a sense of purpose.

For I believe it is really the work that will lift North Dakota upward, to move our state to a better future.

Of course, I include the work we undertake in government, in the executive branch, the Legislature, and the Judiciary. In our local communities, city councils and park boards, school boards and the Board of Higher Education.

The work in our churches, community groups and individual charities.

But beyond anything else, it is the citizens of North Dakota whose work will take us forward. The citizens who plow the fields, teach our children, stock the shelves, and take risks in their businesses large and small - all of this in an economy that changes minute by minute.

We in government must work together to empower our citizens, to help all our people to build a brighter future for North Dakota. That is the task before us.

I believe we can do it. Thank you. God bless you, and God bless North Dakota.

#### **MOTION**

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the remarks of Governor John Hoeven be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

The Benediction was offered by Bishop Zipfel.

**THE CHAIR REQUESTED** the Legislators and Guests remain in their seats until the Governor, the Congressman, Elected State Officials, and Cabinet Members are escorted from the House Chamber.

**THE CHAIR APPOINTED** Brigadier General Michael J. Haugen to escort the Governor & First Lady from the the House Chamber.

**THE CHAIR DECLARED** the Joint Session dissolved.

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

**MARK L. JOHNSON, Chief Clerk**

