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**Bismarck, January 3, 2007**

The House convened at 12:00 a.m., with Speaker Delzer presiding.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Laurie Natwick, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives DeKrey, Pinkerton, and Zaiser.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION**

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the House be on the Ninth order of business and at the conclusion of that order, the House stand in recess until 1:00 p.m. at which time the House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate and that after the Joint Session with the Senate, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 4, 2007, which motion prevailed.

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

**MOTION**

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple to the rostrum. Speaker Delzer appointed Rep. L. Meier and Rep. Potter to the escort committee.

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

**SEN. LYSON MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Vandewalle to the rostrum. Lt. Governor Dalrymple appointed Sen. Nelson and Rep. DeKrey to the committee.

**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 to a special reserved seat in the Assembly. The Chair appointed Sen. Stenehjem and Rep. Berg to the escort committee.

The colors will be presented by the Color Guard from the North Dakota National Guard.

The National Anthem will be sung by the 2006-2007 Governor's Official State Chorus, The Bismarck High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Michael Seil.

The invocation will be given by North Dakota National Guard Chaplain, Major David Johnson.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**CHIEF JUSTICE VANDEWALLE ADMINISTERED** the oath of office to the elected officials, Alvin A. Jaeger, Wayne Stenehjem, Roger Johnson, Cory Fong, Tony Clark, Dale Sandstrom.

**2007 State of the State Address  
The Honorable John Hoeven  
Governor of the State of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
January 3, 2007**

Lt. Governor Dalrymple, distinguished legislators, cabinet members, Justices of the Supreme Court, elected officials, former Governor Art and First Lady Grace Link, tribal leaders, our brave military, fellow citizens of North Dakota, and First Lady Mikey, welcome, and thank you for being here today.

Before we begin, I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor the brave men and women serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world, and all the veterans who have served throughout the history of this great country.

Due to their sacrifice, we enjoy unmatched freedom and opportunity.

So many have left loved ones, jobs, and school to protect our way of life. Some have come home wounded, showing great courage and dignity. Others have made the ultimate sacrifice, and we will never forget their valor and their service.

With us today are some of those brave men and women.

Representing those who have been wounded in action, and all our veterans, we have with us Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tim Wicks, who served in Afghanistan.

Also here, representing our National Guard, Reserves and active duty military, is Lt. Dan Murphy, who is home on leave from the Middle East.

And to represent the families and family support groups are Annette Scholl (SHOLE) and Stephanie Entzel of the 188<sup>th</sup> Family Readiness Group.

They are all seated (to my front right). Please join me in thanking them, and all our military.

Today is a new day in North Dakota - we are driving an agenda for growth.

Over the past five years, we've made tremendous progress. Make no mistake, there is more to do, but we have worked to create an environment in North Dakota that allows and encourages innovation, diversification, growth and opportunity for the people of this great state.

And the people of North Dakota have responded by creating thousands of new jobs and hundreds of new businesses. As a result, our economy is expanding, unemployment is down, and wages and income are growing faster than the national average.

Ladies and gentlemen, the state of our state is strong.

In 2001, at the turn of a new century, we set a course focused on six pillars for growth: education, economic development, agriculture, energy, technology, and quality of life.

In short, we resolved to grow our state's economy. To do so, we have pursued economic development in new and innovative ways.

We formed a Commerce Department to streamline services and provide one stop shopping for new and expanding businesses.

We developed a strategic plan, with targeted industries - value-added agriculture, advanced manufacturing, technology, tourism, and energy. These are industry sectors where North Dakota has distinct advantages owing to our resources, our history, and our people.

Our plan established partnerships between the public sector and the private sector. We brought together state and local economic developers, all pulling together for the good of their communities and the state as a whole.

We also forged a partnership between higher education and the private sector to drive the development and commercialization of new products and services. We gave developers innovative tools to get them started - tools like our Ethanol Production Incentive, investment tax credits, and **Centers of Excellence**.

Working with the Legislature, we streamlined our tax and regulatory environment to help build a strong, competitive business climate - an environment where businesses can start and expand without the burdens of bureaucratic red tape or high taxes.

And it's working.

The people of North Dakota have created over 17,000 new jobs and 1,600 new businesses.

Personal income has grown nearly 25 percent - 10 percent faster than the national average.

Wages have grown 21 percent, compared to just 15 percent for the rest of the country.

Our gross state product has grown to over \$24 billion annually, a 37 percent increase.

And our foreign exports have almost doubled to \$1.2 billion annually.

We're both expanding and diversifying our economic base - North Dakota is on the move.

Driving our growth has provided us with a surplus and more revenues for the future - and we're managing both with the kind of prudence the people of North Dakota expect.

In our budget for the new biennium, we propose investing \$188 million in one-time expenditures that will further grow our economy and reduce costs.

Ongoing expenditures rise 7.3 percent annually, which means ongoing revenues exceed ongoing expenditures. Further, even after one-time expenditures, we build a very strong financial reserve of more than \$400 million.

With this financial position, we have the resources we need to continue to create opportunity for the people of North Dakota.

For example, six years ago, our challenge was creating jobs. Then our challenge became creating higher paying jobs.

Today, our challenge is finding people to fill those jobs - good jobs ranging the entire gamut, from construction workers, oil rig workers, and truck drivers, to nurses, accountants, software writers, and engineers.

Now, just like when people came to our state to homestead, there's opportunity - opportunity in manufacturing, energy, technology and other areas.

Let me tell you the story of Jody and Marla Hoff who returned home in 2002.

Like many young people, after college at NDSU, Jody and Marla moved to Minnesota - Jody to take an engineering job and Marla to take a job as a food scientist.

Five years ago, however, they saw opportunity developing here in North Dakota.

They returned to Richardton, and with others, created Amberwaves.

Today, the company manufactures equipment for both agriculture, and the oil and gas industry, as well as electronic circuit boards, with sales across a six state region.

By the way, Marla, a research and development associate for the Schwan Company in Minnesota, didn't have to leave her job. Thanks to technology, she telecommutes.

Furthermore, their efforts didn't stop there. They teamed up with others to build the Red Trail Ethanol plant.

And that new ethanol plant is now bringing other couples home to North Dakota, as well. In fact, six of the top seven managers at Red Trail came home to North Dakota.

Let's show our appreciation for Jody and Marla, and all those who are part of the new face of North Dakota.

We're driving an agenda for growth - we're driving a transformation in our economy.

Let us resolve together that in this legislative session we will set the framework to create an even brighter future, a higher standard of living and a better quality of life for all North Dakotans.

We have that opportunity - if we seize the day.

Because of the success of our economic policies and the perseverance of our people, we can drive new big ideas to improve the lives of all North Dakotans.

We can reform K-12 education funding, and do more for higher education.

We can improve government services for our seniors and others who need help.

We can build on our leadership in law enforcement.

We can reduce the burden of taxes.

And we can continue to drive the transformation of our economy - not just to compete, but to truly succeed in a global marketplace.

But we must have the courage and vision to build upon the course we have set.

And we must set our goals even higher.

For example, in 2000, North Dakotans earned 84 percent of the national average in per capita personal income. As of last year, 2005, we increased that figure to 91 percent.

Today, I challenge us to go further. Working together, we can continue to raise personal income and wages. We can give our citizens the standard of living and the quality of life they deserve.

Let us resolve that we will not only meet, but exceed the national average in personal income, and achieve a higher standard of living for all North Dakotans - and we will do it within the next decade.

### **ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT**

How do we accomplish this goal? We do it by continuing to grow and diversify our economy - by building on the strengths of our people and our land - by driving forward with an agenda for growth.

For example, this nation is gripped with the need for more domestically-produced, environmentally sound energy.

Today, we are the 6<sup>th</sup> leading energy producing state in the country, but we have only begun to tap the true potential for North Dakota's energy and agriculture industries.

To realize our full potential, we must look beyond the borders of our state. Our real future in energy is not about what we consume in North Dakota; it's about what we can supply to the nation - a nation that needs more energy and more energy independence.

We must also build on our production, marketing, finance and tax incentives for energy development, especially in the areas of renewable energy.

By leveraging our enormous potential for both renewable and traditional energy resources, we can truly make North Dakota a powerhouse for America.

Look at what's happening in North Dakota right now:

Today, six million cubic feet of gas are flared off wells in the oil patch daily as a byproduct of drilling. Capturing and marketing this gas will help our environment, as well as our economy.

In Northwest North Dakota, Murex Petroleum, Whiting, and EOG Resources are working to build new pipeline systems and processing plants to capture and market that gas - and with our proposed new pipeline authority, we'll have the tool to help them get the job done.

At the same time, we're producing more oil from major new zones, like the Bakkan formation, and leading companies are using advanced technology to develop them in more environmentally friendly ways.

For example, Marathon Oil has already started on a five-year, \$1.5 billion program to drill 300 new wells under the direction of the petroleum engineer who formerly headed their North Sea operation.

These wells will use state-of-the-art horizontal drilling methods, resulting in more oil and a smaller environmental footprint. That's good for the environment, and that's more energy for our nation.

With us today, we have representatives from these exciting new projects. Waldo Ackerman, president of Murex Petroleum, Eric Dille of EOG; and Terry Kavacevich, general manager of Marathon Oil; will you all please stand, so that we can recognize your entrepreneurial spirit and can-do attitude.

As we develop our traditional resources in new ways, we are also making a major push into renewables - like biofuels and wind.

We have biofuels plants, both ethanol and biodiesel, going up in Richardton, Underwood, Hankinson, Spiritwood, and Velva. When these are up and running, we will produce as much ethanol every year as our state consumes in total gasoline - and we have more plants coming.

These plants are using innovative business models that not only build our renewable energy base, but also provide us with the opportunity to leverage our traditional energy and agriculture industries.

These new plants bring energy and agriculture together. They provide new markets for the crops our farmers grow, and the byproducts they produce will also create opportunities for livestock and dairy production.

For example, Great River Energy is partnering with the Newman Group and Cargill to develop the Spiritwood Energy Park near Jamestown. This complex will be a more than \$400 million cogeneration facility.

It includes a 100 million gallon ethanol plant, an expansion of the existing malting barley plant - making it the largest in North America - and a 40 megawatt power plant. The power plant will provide electricity to the grid and steam to power both the ethanol plant and the malting barley plant. Further, the ethanol plant will use waste water from the malting facility and produce cattle feed as a byproduct.

The Spiritwood Energy Park is about cogeneration; it's about renewable energy; it's about value added agriculture - it's about the future.

Today, we're pleased to announce another new development combining energy and value-added agriculture.

In McLean County, Great River Energy, NDSU, and a coalition of ranching and dairy producers are working to build a 30,000 to 50,000 head cattle feeding operation in conjunction with a new Blue Flint Ethanol plant in Underwood. And the venture has the potential to grow to 200,000 head, between the feed lot and area cow-calf operators.

Blue Flint will provide the cattle feed as a byproduct of ethanol production, and the cattle waste can then be used to produce methane for heat or electricity, as well as fertilizer. This is a big step forward for renewable energy and for value-added agriculture.

We have with us today Great River Energy Chairman Henry Hanson and CEO Dave Saggau. Also, from the Newman Group, we have North Dakota entrepreneur Harold Newman. Please join me in welcoming and thanking them.

And it doesn't stop there - because we're driving an agenda for growth in wind, as well.

We have tremendous wind resources in North Dakota, and we're working to capture that resource through large-scale wind farms. We've already developed major wind farms near Edgeley-Kulm, near Velva, at Wilton, and in Oliver County.

Today, we are working on more wind farm projects, and they're getting larger. Acciona Wind Energy USA is developing a 180 megawatt wind farm in Dickey County, which will include wind towers in both North and South Dakota.

And now FPL Energy is preparing an application to site a wind farm in northeast North Dakota. The application will be for a large-scale wind farm of up to 160 megawatts with transmission, located in Cavalier County.

But to fully develop our wind resources potential, we need more transmission, which means partnering wind with new power plants.

Through Lignite Vision 21, we are developing new clean-coal power plant projects, coal gasification, and coal-to-liquids, which include carbon sequestration.

Using our Transmission Authority, we can build the transmission necessary, even if we have to build it ourselves, to develop both more large-scale wind farms and power plants.

And we can link new electrical generation to CAPX 2020 to take the energy to Minnesota and beyond.

As we develop this exciting mix of energy resources, our new Pipeline Authority, Biofuels PACE, incentives for energy development, and other programs will take us even further.

Our proposed \$9 million state-of-the-art research greenhouse facility will help us with breakthrough technologies, like optimized switch grass and cellulose for ethanol.

Our **Centers of Excellence** for Agbiotechnology and Oilseed Development will enable us to further develop and enhance biodiesel.

The State of North Dakota is partnering with industry, farmers, and our university system to develop and deploy new technologies, to build the infrastructure, and to create new opportunities.

Today, many states are adopting a goal to derive 25 percent of our nation's energy from renewables by 2025. We can achieve that, but we must set our sights higher. We can produce far more energy from all sources. North Dakota can double the amount of energy we supply to the nation by 2025. We can lead the way forward in both energy and agriculture.

### **DIVERSIFYING OUR ECONOMY - CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**

And our agenda for growth is driving innovation and transformation in other industry sectors as well.

These include advanced manufacturing, tourism, technology-based businesses, and the life sciences.

And just as in agriculture and energy, our universities are also playing a critical role in both creating more high-paying jobs and developing the workforce to serve our growing economy.

We're forging ahead with a growing technology-based business sector. We're working with companies like Microsoft, PacketDigital, Alien Technologies, and Eagle Creek Software - and building on their success. And through our **Centers of Excellence** program, we're helping other companies develop and grow, too.

For example, NDSU's Center for Advanced Electronic Design and Manufacturing will help companies like Phoenix International, PemStar, Appareo, Imation and Pedigree further expand our state's technology-based business sector.

In the same way, we're beginning to build a life sciences sector in North Dakota. Companies like PRACS Institute, Odyssey Research, Clinical Supplies Management, and Aldevron are creating the foundation.

UND's **Center** for Life Sciences and Advanced Technologies will work with Alion, Avianax, Agragen, and BORDERS to create cutting-edge vaccines against emerging diseases, and make other medical advances. These exciting new ventures will add to this dynamic new business sector in our state.

And we're tapping the economic potential of rural North Dakota, too.

Fargo Assembly is headquartered in Fargo, but the company has plants in Lisbon, Edgeley, Ellendale, Michigan, and Lehr. MTI, headquartered in Mohall, has 10 locations in rural communities around the state. These include Kenmare, Bottineau, Rugby, Stanley, Grafton, Langdon, Fessenden, Devils Lake, and Beulah.

And Verety, which is located in Fargo and Grand Forks, also has locations in Steele, Rugby, Wishek and Fessenden.

Dickinson State's Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Revitalization is working with Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing to build on this concept. They have locations not only in Killdeer, but in Dickinson, Hettinger, and Halliday, as well.

And we're also building on our already dynamic advanced manufacturing sector, with companies like Goodrich, Cirrus, MW Industries, and Marvin Windows and Doors.

Let me tell you about Marvin Windows. The story of Marvin clearly illustrates that creating a good business environment, partnering with the private sector, and providing the right tools for growth, are driving and transforming our economy.

Marvin built its first North Dakota plant in Fargo. The company then expanded to Grafton, where it now employs 465 people. Further, Marvin also provided financial assistance to help employees purchase or build a home.

Marvin Windows will soon have five major manufacturing facilities in North Dakota. They are currently completing construction on two new 200,000 square foot facilities in the West Fargo Industrial Park. Altogether, Marvin Windows, along with related companies Rite Screen and Cardinal Glass, now employ more than 1,600 people in North Dakota.

With us today is Jake Marvin, company chairman and CEO. Jake, will you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for Marvin's investment in North Dakota.

## **TRADE OFFICE**

As we grow and expand our economic base, we need to look not just beyond the borders of our state, but beyond the shores of our nation for new markets.

It doesn't matter whether we're talking about food, energy, or goods and services.

To truly succeed, we must develop markets and trading partners around the country and around the world.

To drive our efforts to open overseas markets, our North Dakota Trade Office, a private-sector, public-sector partnership is helping North Dakota businesses initiate and expand export sales.

Our trade office partners include commodity producers and manufacturers of ag equipment, medical equipment, aircraft parts, processed foods, and environmental systems.

Companies like Arrow-Tech, SolarBee, Superior Grains, MidAmerica Aviation, WCCO Belting, and Duratech are all developing new markets.

In dollars and cents, the 40 North Dakota businesses that participated in our trade missions over the past year and a half will see an additional \$48 million in export sales.

Our 20 founding private-sector partners have seen a 35 percent increase in annual exports, compared to 10 percent for the nation.

These successes were made in more than a dozen countries in Asia and Europe, including China, Russia, Taiwan, Australia, and New Zealand - virtually all over the world.

The simple truth of the matter is this - North Dakota must stand ready to compete - with anyone, anytime, anywhere.

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Innovation is at the heart of all we're doing. And we must be innovative in our efforts to recruit, educate and train our workforce.

The work ethic of the people of North Dakota is legendary, but we need to ensure that our people have the training and skills to fill the jobs and careers of the future.

Recently, LM Glasfiber, a world-class manufacturer of fiberglass blades for wind towers, determined that it needed to grow its workforce from 330 to 700 by March 2007.

The State of North Dakota, through the Commerce Department and Job Service, partnered with the community of Grand Forks and the University of North Dakota to assist them.

As a result, LM Glasfiber today employs more than 700 people in Grand Forks, ahead of schedule, and there is potential to do much more.

But we must continue to build on our ability to recruit, educate and train our workforce. To do so, we have put forward programs like InnovateND, Operation Intern, Career Specialists, and our Talent Initiative.

The InnovateND program, with more than 25 teams already signed up, will provide technical assistance and mentorship to entrepreneurs across North Dakota.

These are ambitious, world-class opportunities for young people and entrepreneurs right here in North Dakota.

Operation Intern will give more young people the chance to gain experience in the workplace, both in the private sector and the public sector, through meaningful internships.

The Career Specialist program will ensure that we work with all high school students to connect them with the educational, training, and career opportunities available in North Dakota.

And our Talent Initiative is a joint effort between the Commerce Department and Job Service to partner with companies to recruit and train workers.

These programs, together with more funding for higher education and **Centers of Excellence**, as well as a real focus on workforce training at the high school, technical school, and collegiate level, will help us match our workforce with a growing and diversified economy.

### **AFFORDING OUR PRIORITIES**

At the end of the day, it is our agenda for driving economic growth that allows us to make these important investments in our people. One cannot happen without the other.

In fact, our focus on driving the economy has provided us with the resources necessary to meet the needs of our citizens, and build a healthy reserve.

That continued focus will enable us to invest in education, strengthen law enforcement, and provide for those who need help, especially our seniors.

And it will also enable us to provide meaningful tax relief to the people of North Dakota.

### **EDUCATION**

Clearly, education is the bedrock on which we build our future. It enables each one of us to achieve our individual dreams, and it enables us collectively to build the future of our state.

Driving an agenda for growth must include education.

The Commission for Education Improvement has provided us with a blueprint for improving both equity and adequacy. Their work coupled with the increased funding we have proposed will ensure that all of our children receive a quality education.

Their mission has always been to help legislators do the best job possible in revising our school funding policies. Their work began nearly a year ago, and they have been able to do a comprehensive study of our system and test out many optional formulas. By holding their meetings around the state, they have been able to gather broad input from the people of North Dakota.

Also, they've had at the table some of the most expert minds in our state on the subject of education finance.

We have the opportunity and the means to make the most significant reform in K-12 education in more than a generation, and we look forward to working with you, the Legislature, to do it.

I'd like to thank the members of the Commission on Education Improvement for their work.

First, my thanks to Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple and Superintendent Wayne Sanstead for the leadership they have provided. Thanks also for the many hours of hard work by four legislators known for their leadership in education: Sen. Tim Flakoll and Sen. Dave O'Connell, and Rep. RaeAnn Kelsch and Rep. Dave Monson.

Thanks also to our school administrators, who have worked so hard: Warren Larson of Williston, Paul Stremick and later Jack Maus of Grafton, Martin Shock of Elgin-New Leipzig and Carson, and Mark Lemer of West Fargo.

And thanks to our ex officio members: Jon Martinson from the North Dakota School Boards Association; Gloria Lokken, Joe Westby and Nancy Sand of the North Dakota Education Association; and Doug Johnson of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders. All have done an outstanding job.

I've asked the commission members to join us here today. Would you please stand to be recognized and thanked.

As we work to reform and improve K-12 funding, we can also do more to reduce the local cost of education for our citizens.

We have put forward a plan for property tax relief that is sustainable and fair. It will ensure that every homeowner, business, farmer, and rancher receives property tax relief.



I believe we have a responsibility to return part of the surplus to our citizens. Working together, we can not only improve K-12 education funding, but we can also provide the people of North Dakota with meaningful tax relief.

At the same time, we will continue to enhance quality services for the people who need them most.

That means Medicaid funding for low income individuals, persons with disabilities, and seniors to ensure they have access to quality healthcare.

That means support for long term care, and also for home and community based care.

That means eliminating the sales tax on home heating fuels, which is particularly important for people on fixed and low income.

It also means fair compensation for our hard-working state employees.

And it means a strong commitment to quality of life for all North Dakotans, especially our seniors, who have done so much to build our state.

### **THANKING OUR MILITARY**

We must also never forget those who defend our freedoms and our very way of life - our military.

That means funding our Veterans Bonus Program, our National Guard Tuition Assistance program, and counseling services to help military members and their families through all phases of deployment.

We must do these things, and we must do more.

Our fallen heroes deserve our utmost respect, and they also deserve to be laid to rest in a dignified manner. That means we must establish a buffer zone between protesters and the funeral ceremonies of one of our fallen heroes. They deserve no less.

Again, to our men and women in uniform, to our veterans and to their families, we say thank you. We owe you so much.

### **A SAFER NORTH DAKOTA - LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Finally, in a world where people feel increasingly unsafe, we must build on our position as the safest state in the country.

We're doing that through a statewide plan to help ensure that North Dakotans continue to feel safe in their homes, businesses, and schools.

In the last session, we passed tough new laws to take violent and sexual offenders off the street. And in this session, working with you, the Legislature, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, we will do more.

That includes new legislation requiring a 20-year mandatory minimum jail term and lifetime supervision for violent sexual criminals - including first-time offenders.

It includes background checks for correctional officers at the city, county and state levels, as well as for other personnel - and fingerprinting along with nationwide criminal history searches.

Our plan also includes new facilities at the state prison complex in Bismarck, and additional corrections and Highway Patrol officers.

Ultimately, the best way to fight crime is to prevent it before it happens. To do that, we will expand treatment programs like the Robinson Recovery Center and drug courts to help reclaim the lives of those gripped by addiction.

Finally, we will restructure and enhance our civil commitment program for violent and sexual offenders on the grounds of the State Hospital in Jamestown.

The Department of Corrections, under a new civil commitment division, will assume primary responsibility for security. Some of the medical professionals from the Department of Human Services will transfer to the new division to provide treatment services at the facility.

Safe communities are a hallmark of living and working in North Dakota. Let us commit to keeping North Dakota a safe place to live, to work, and to raise a family.

### **BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER**

We're driving an agenda for growth in North Dakota. We're rising up - and we must press forward and continue to drive that progress.

That means creating more good-paying jobs with aggressive economic development.

That means building our energy future with new and innovative technologies, and new partnerships.

That means seizing the opportunity to reform the way we fund K-12 education.

That means making sure a college education is affordable, and linking our campuses with growth and opportunity.

That means ensuring quality services for our seniors and others who need our help.

That means reducing the burden of taxes on our people.

That means securing our state's future with a sustainable budget plan and a strong financial reserve.

And that means building on our position of leadership as the safest state in the country.

These are big plans, but we can achieve them. Together, we can build a higher standard of living and a better quality of life for ourselves and for our children.

Thank you. May God bless America, and may God bless the Great State of North Dakota.

### **MOTION**

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

### **MOTION**

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the Joint Session be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

### **FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Legislative Council)

**HB 1001:** A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government; to provide for transfers; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Supreme Court)

**HB 1002:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch; and to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02 and 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of supreme and district court judges.

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 North Dakota university system; to provide for transfer of funds; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; 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 1004:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department of health.

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 Indian affairs commission.

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 aeronautics commission.

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 veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs.

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 department of financial institutions.

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 state fair association.

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 council on the arts.

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 highway patrol.

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 transportation.

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 commissioner of university and school lands; and to provide for distribution amounts from permanent funds.

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 state industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial commission; to authorize transfers; to provide an exemption; to amend and reenact section 6-09.17-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the biodiesel partnership in assisting community expansion 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 1015:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12-65-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for the interstate transfer or travel of probationers.

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 job service North Dakota.

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 office of administrative hearings.

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 department of commerce; and to provide exemptions.

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 board for career and technical education.

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 extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm; to provide for transfer of funds; 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 information technology department; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to borrowing authority of the information technology department.

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 state seed 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 commission on legal counsel for indigents.

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 racing commission.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1025:** A BILL for an Act to authorize the governor to negotiate reserved water rights of the United States and federally recognized Indian tribes.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1026:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the renovation and expansion of the state penitentiary.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1027:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 2-05, two new sections to chapter 15-10, a new section to chapter 15-20.1, a new section to chapter 54-34.3, a new section to chapter 54-34.4, ten new sections to chapter 54-60, a new section to chapter 54-60.1, a new chapter to title 54, sections 57-38-01.24 and 57-38-01.25, and a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a rural airport economic development fund, a state board of higher education report and grant program, a department of career and technical education grant program, a business and tourism acceleration commission, international business, visitor information centers, a department of commerce division of innovation and technology, expenditure reports on taxes and state business incentives, a tourism enhancement grant program, talent attraction, department of commerce division of workforce development programs and duties, and tax credits for workforce recruitment and internships; to amend and reenact subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 6-09.15-01, section 6-09.15-03, subsection 2 of section 6-09.17-01, sections 15-69-02, 15-69-03, 15-69-04, and 15-69-05, subsections 4 and 6 of section 54-17-07.3, sections 54-34.3-08, 54-60-02, 54-60-09, 54-60-12, 57-38-30.5, and 57-38.5-05, subsections 1 and 3 of section 57-38.6-01, and section 57-39.2-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 17 of chapter 151 of the 2005 Session Laws, relating to the beginning entrepreneur loan guarantee program, biodiesel partnership in assisting community expansion program, centers of excellence program, housing finance agency programs, a business and tourism acceleration commission, a department of commerce division of innovation and technology, department of commerce division of workforce development duties, the North Dakota image information program, tax forms, research and experimental expenditures tax credits, seed capital investment tax credits, agricultural business investment tax credits, sales tax exemptions for tourism equipment and wireless service provider equipment, and a legislative council study; to repeal sections 57-38-71, 57-38-72, 57-38-73, and 57-38-74 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to beginning entrepreneur income tax incentives; to provide for state agency studies, reports to the legislative council, and legislative council studies; to provide appropriations and transfers; to provide effective dates; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1028:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the energy development and transmission committee; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1029:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-09.1 and a new section to chapter 40-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limits on transfers of home rule county and city sales tax revenue to school districts.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1030:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the appropriation of higher education institutions' special revenue funds; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1031:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-44.1-04 and 54-44.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to budget requests and block grant appropriations for the North Dakota university system; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1032:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations for the North Dakota university system; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1033:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 48-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public improvements, bidding, construction management, and public improvement contracts; to amend and reenact section 11-11-26, subdivision f of subsection 1 of section 15.1-09-34, sections 23-11-11, 25-01.1-33, 40-22-19, 40-28-07, 40-29-07, 40-31-04, and 40-33.2-09, subsection 7 of section 40-33.3-06, section 40-49-14, subsection 12 of section 40-57-03, sections 43-07-23, 48-05-12, and

57-40.2-14, subsection 2 of section 61-02-04.1, subsection 2 of section 61-02-23.2, sections 61-07-09, 61-12-25, 61-16.1-14, 61-21-25, 61-21-45, 61-24.3-03.1, 61-35-13, and 61-35-88, and subsection 2 of section 61-35-94 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public improvements, bidding, and public improvement contracts; and to repeal chapters 48-01.1 and 48-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public improvements, bidding, and public improvement contracts.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1034:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapters 59-09, 59-10, 59-11, 59-12, 59-13, 59-14, 59-15, 59-16, 59-17, 59-18, 59-19, and 59-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to adoption of the uniform trust code and charitable trusts; to amend and reenact section 3-02-05, subsection 24 of section 10-33-21, section 10-33-105, subsection 7 of section 23-20.3-03.1, and sections 23-21.1-03, 30.1-18-03, 30.1-20-13, 30.1-29-17, 30.1-32-03, 30.1-34-02, 38-10-12, and 38-13-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to trusts; to repeal chapters 30.1-33, 30.1-34, 59-01, 59-02, 59-03, 59-04, 59-04.2, and 59-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to trusts; and to provide for retroactive application.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1035:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter 41-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Uniform Commercial Code Article 1 - General Provisions; to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 9-16-02, subsection 4 of section 9-16-15, subsection 51 of section 10-19.1-01, subsection 56 of section 10-32-02, subsection 34 of section 10-33-01, subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 41-02-03, subsection 1 of section 41-02-09, subsection 3 of section 41-02.1-03, subsection 4 of section 41-02.1-49, subsection 2 of section 41-02.1-66, subsection 1 of section 41-02.1-67, subsection 2 of section 41-02.1-75, subsection 1 of section 41-02.1-76, subdivisions d and j of subsection 1 of section 41-03-03, subsection 3 of section 41-04-04, subsection 1 of section 41-04.1-05, subsection 1 of section 41-04.1-06, subsection 2 of section 41-04.1-12, subdivision g of subsection 1 of section 41-05-02, subsection 3 of section 41-05-03, subdivision k of subsection 1 of section 41-08-02, subdivision ss of subsection 1 of section 41-09-02, subsection 40 of section 45-10.2-02, subsection 26 of section 45-13-01, subsection 24 of section 45-22-01, subsection 24 of section 45-23-01, and section 47-15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to chapter 41-01 and references to chapter 41-01; and to repeal chapter 41-01 and sections 41-02-15 and 41-02.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Uniform Commercial Code general provisions, contracts, and leases.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1036:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-40, a new subsection to section 39-06.1-06, and paragraphs 37, 38, and 39 to subdivision a of subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to proof of insurance and fees and point demerits for driving without liability insurance; to amend and reenact sections 26.1-41-20 and 39-06.1-05, subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10, and sections 39-06.1-13, 39-07-09, and 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the points and fees for driving without liability insurance; and to provide a penalty.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1037:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to proof of insurance; to amend and reenact section 39-08-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the criminal procedure for driving without liability insurance; and to provide a penalty.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1038:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation additional benefits payable; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 65-05-07 and sections 65-05-16, 65-05.1-08, and 65-05.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation benefits for the catastrophically injured, additional benefits payable, death benefits, supplemental benefits, loans for education; to provide for application; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. DeKrey, Clark introduced:

**HB 1039:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 20.1-02-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duty of the director of the game and fish department to adopt rules regarding the baiting of big game.

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

Reps. Grande, DeKrey, Klein, Metcalf and Sens. Dever, Lyson introduced:

**HB 1040:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disorderly conduct at a funeral; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Weiler, Grande introduced:

**HB 1041:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the sale of wine with a meal.

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

Rep. DeKrey introduced:

**HB 1042:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transportation of big game.

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

Reps. Wald, Kasper and Sen. Klein introduced:

**HB 1043:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 32 of section 26.1-36.3-01 and subsection 1 of section 26.1-36.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a small employer for purposes of group health plans.

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

Reps. Drovdal, Grande, Kempenich and Sens. Lyson, Warner introduced:

**HB 1044:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of oil and gas gross production tax revenues; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Drovdal, Kempenich and Sens. Bowman, Lyson introduced:

**HB 1045:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 11-18-03 and a new subsection to section 38-18.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing of a statement of succession in interest to abandoned minerals; and to amend and reenact section 38-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing of a statement of succession in interest to abandoned minerals.

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

Reps. Drovdal, Kempenich and Sen. Bowman introduced:

**HB 1046:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 15.1-29-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the required payment of tuition and tutoring charges.

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

Reps. S. Kelsh, Ekstrom, Schneider, Vig and Sens. Mathern, Potter introduced:

**HB 1047:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the eligibility requirements for the children's health insurance program.

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

Reps. Drovdal, Hatlestad, S. Meyer and Sens. Tollefson, Urlacher introduced:

**HB 1048:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 38-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to trusts for unlocatable mineral, leasehold, and royalty interest owners; and to repeal chapter 38-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to execution of oil and gas instruments affecting interests owned by absent persons.

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

Reps. Carlson, Delzer, Dosch, Kasper, Thoreson, Weiler introduced:

**HB 1049:** 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 of natural gas and other fuels for heating purposes; to amend and reenact section 57-43.2-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a special fuels tax exemption for special fuels sold for use as heating fuel; to repeal section 57-39.2-03.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the imposition and rate of sales and use taxes on sales of natural gas; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Wald, Grande, Klein and Sens. Fischer, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1050:** A BILL for an Act to provide for reimbursement of out-of-jurisdiction law enforcement; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Rep. Belter and Sens. Cook, Herbel, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1051:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 57-20-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a state-paid property tax relief credit; to amend and reenact sections 57-20-07.1, 57-20-09, and 57-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contents of property tax statements and the discount for early payment of property taxes; to provide an appropriation for state-paid property tax relief; 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 State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners)

**HB 1052:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1, 2, 5, and 9 of section 43-29-01.1, subsection 1 of section 43-29-07, subsections 1, 2, and 3 of section 43-29-07.2, subsection 11 of section 43-29-13, and subsection 1 of section 43-29-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensure of veterinarians.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners)

**HB 1053:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 3, 4, and 5 of section 43-45-01, sections 43-45-02, 43-45-03, and 43-45-04, subsection 1 of section 43-45-05, sections 43-45-05.1, 43-45-05.3, 43-45-06, and 43-45-07, and subsection 1 of section 43-45-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensure of addiction counselors; 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 State Board of Pharmacy)

**HB 1054:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 43-15-38.1 and 43-15-42.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pharmacy closings and reporting requirements; to amend and reenact sections 43-15-01, 43-15-05, 43-15-10, 43-15-25, and 43-15-25.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice of pharmacy; and to provide a penalty.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Pharmacy)

**HB 1055:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 19-03.1-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to theft or loss of controlled substances reports; to amend and reenact subsections 5 and 7 of section 19-03.1-05, subsections 4, 6, and 7 of section 19-03.1-07, section 19-03.1-09, subsections 4 and 6 of section 19-03.1-11, and sections 19-03.1-13 and 19-03.1-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to controlled substances; and to provide a penalty.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1056:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-04-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the unemployment insurance federal advance interest repayment fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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 1057:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic filing of employer unemployment contribution and wage reports and electronic payment of contributions; 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 Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1058:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-30.1-01 and subsection 1 of section 47-30.1-18 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 **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. DeKrey, Delmore introduced:

(At the request of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents)

**HB 1059:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of commission on legal counsel for indigents information and records.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

**HB 1060:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 38-21 and a new section to chapter 54-17.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of the geothermal, subsurface minerals, and coal exploration and geologic data preservation funds; to amend and reenact sections 38-08-04.4, 38-08-04.5, and 38-19-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to oil well plugging contracts, the oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund, and geothermal energy extraction permits; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Rep. Koppelman introduced:

(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

**HB 1061:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09.7-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the maximum amount of Bank of North Dakota agricultural real estate loans; and to provide an effective date.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Financial Institutions)

**HB 1062:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 6-01-03, subsection 4 of section 6-01-07.1, and sections 6-01-09 and 6-08.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to per diem of state banking board and state credit union board members, information and sharing agreements with other entities, the timeframe of examinations of financial institutions, and approval of interstate branches by state banks.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Highway Patrol)

**HB 1063:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 11 of section 39-03-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the highway patrol.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Highway Patrol)

**HB 1064:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of the highway patrol assets forfeiture fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1065:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-53-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership of the advisory transportation council of the upper great plains transportation institute.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1066:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4-19-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the balance in the state forester reserve account.

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

Political Subdivisions Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1067:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to cooperation of the state forester and other agencies on fire and forest protection.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1068:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06.2-06, subsections 8, 10, and 12 of section 39-06.2-10, and section 39-06.2-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to commercial driver's licenses.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1069:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06-40, paragraph 9 of subdivision a of subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10, paragraph 10 of subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10, section 39-06.1-11, subsection 9 of section 39-20-07, and section 39-20-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unlawful use of a license, points entered against a driving record, addiction evaluation for a temporary restricted license, witnesses for interpretation of a chemical test, and an advisory given before a screening test; and to repeal section 39-16.1-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to seizure of an operator's license.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Labor Commissioner)

**HB 1070:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 34-07-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the maximum hours of labor of minors fourteen or fifteen years of age.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1071:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 11-10.1-01, section 57-02-08.2, subsections 3 and 6 of section 57-02-27.2, section 57-20-08, and subsection 3 of section 57-60-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to removal of obsolete language, transfer of funds to the state medical center, appeals of determinations on inundated agricultural land applications, tax receipts filed with county auditors, and coal conversion facilities; and to repeal section 57-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tax sale certificates on state-acquired land.

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 1072:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to taxable valuation of centrally assessed wind turbine electric generators; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 57-02-27, subsection 27 of section 57-02-08, and subsection 4 of section 57-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to valuation of centrally assessed property, property exempt from taxation, and the definition of a power company; and to repeal section 57-02-27.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to centrally assessed wind turbine electric generators.

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 1073:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-06-17.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the exclusion of carbon dioxide pipeline property subject to payments in lieu of taxes from the valuation of property in taxing districts.

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 1074:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the information reporting responsibilities of special events promoters or organizers under the sales tax laws; and to provide a penalty.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1075:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 12.1-32-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sentencing and credit for time spent in custody.

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

Education Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1076:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemption from high school curriculum requirements for the high school education program at the youth correctional center; and to declare an emergency.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1077:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12-48-15 and 12-48-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to inmate funds and accounts and fines and restitution for the misconduct of offenders.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1078:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to participation by employees of the state board for career and technical education in the public employees retirement system; to amend and reenact section 15-39.1-09, subsection 4 of section 54-52-01, and subsection 1 of section 54-52.1-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to participation by employees of the state board for career and technical education in the public employees retirement system; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Reps. Kingsbury, Herbel, Kaldor and Sen. Warner introduced:

**HB 1079:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 23-12-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the smoking of tobacco products on the state capitol grounds.

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

Reps. Belter, Headland and Sen. Klein introduced:

**HB 1080:** 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 purchases of certain culverts; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Delzer, Wrangham and Sen. Freborg introduced:

**HB 1081:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements for drivers of schoolbuses and school vehicles.

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

Rep. DeKrey introduced:

**HB 1082:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to alcohol without liquid devices; and to provide a penalty.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

**HB 1083:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-03-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees charged and collected by the clerk of the supreme court.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1084:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-01-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tracking childhood immunizations.

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

Reps. Aarsvold, D. Johnson and Sens. Heckaman, Flakoll introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1085:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-35.2-01, 4-35.2-02, and 4-35.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to making permanent law of the agricultural pesticide and pesticide container disposal program; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Kingsbury, Dietrich and Sen. Tallackson introduced:

(At the request of the North Dakota Potato Council)

**HB 1086:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-10.1-03 and 4-10.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions and referendums by potato growers; and to repeal section 4-10.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to refunds of nonparticipating potato growers.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the State Forester)

**HB 1087:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to inclusion of vehicles of the state forester as authorized emergency vehicles.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

**HB 1088:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to powers of the Bank of North Dakota to guarantee loans and making that provision permanent; and to repeal section 6-09-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursement of Bank losses for the new venture capital program; and to provide an effective date.

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 1089:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-26-12, 39-29.1-01, and 39-29.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the abandoned motor vehicle fund and low-speed vehicles.

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

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

**HB 1090:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 24-02-03.5, 39-02-05, 39-05-30, 39-18-02.1, 39-22.1-02.1, 39-24-05, and 39-29-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to deposit of fleet services and highway tax distribution funds.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

**HB 1091:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2, a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 57-38-30.3, and a new subsection to section 57-38-57 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an individual income tax deduction for contributions to the North Dakota higher education savings plan; to amend and reenact section 6-09-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administrative fees of the North Dakota higher education savings plan and tax deductions for contributions to the plan; to provide a continuing appropriation; 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 Supreme Court)

**HB 1092:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 27-20-32.3, 27-20-48.2, 27-20-48.3, and 27-20-48.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to active efforts in juvenile proceedings regarding Indian children and legal guardianships for children; to amend and reenact section 12-46-14, subsection 1 of section 15.1-29-14, sections 27-20-02 and 27-20-06, subsection 1 of section 27-20-10, sections 27-20-12, 27-20-13, 27-20-14, 27-20-15, 27-20-17, 27-20-19, 27-20-20, 27-20-24, 27-20-26, 27-20-28, 27-20-30, 27-20-31, 27-20-32.1, subsection 4 of section 27-20-34, subsections 2 and 3 of section 27-20-36, subsection 3 of section 27-20-37, subsection 1 of section 27-20-40, subsection 1 of section 27-20-42, section 27-20-44, subsection 2 of section 27-20-45, and sections 27-20-48, 27-20-48.1, 27-20-50, 27-20-54, 27-20-59, and 54-12-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to proceedings under the Uniform Juvenile Court Act and references to juvenile supervisor; and to repeal sections 27-05-29, 27-20-01, and 27-20-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assigned duties of juvenile supervisors and Uniform Juvenile Court Act proceedings.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

**HB 1093:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-60-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of the privilege tax on coal conversion

facilities to the lignite research fund; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Political Subdivisions Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1094:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-20.3-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to underground storage tank regulations.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Commerce)

**HB 1095:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 54-60.1-01 and subsection 3 of section 54-60.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to business incentives, agreements, and reports.

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 Public Finance Authority)

**HB 1096:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of certain commercial or financial information held by the public finance authority; and to amend and reenact section 8 of chapter 90 of the 2005 Session Laws, relating to program limits for the purchase or issuance of qualified small issue bonds or municipal industrial revenue bonds by the public finance authority.

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 1097:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-02.1-01, 27-02.1-02, 27-02.1-03, 27-02.1-04, 27-02.1-05, 27-02.1-06, 27-02.1-07, 27-02.1-08, and 27-02.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the temporary court of appeals; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Indian Affairs Commission)

**HB 1098:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership of the Indian affairs commission.

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 State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1099:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of trade secret, proprietary, commercial, and financial information.

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 Bank of North Dakota)

**HB 1100:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 6-09.9-02, subsection 1 of section 6-09.11-06, and subsection 1 of section 6-09.13-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions for the family farm survival act, loan restrictions for financial assistance for family farmers, and interest rates of loans for the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion program.

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 1101:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 46-02-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to services provided by in-plant print shops.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1102:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.7-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees authorized by state agencies for architect, engineer, construction management, or land surveying services.

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

Rep. S. Meyer and Sen. Anderson introduced:  
(At the request of the State Library)

**HB 1103:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 54-24.2-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public libraries' maintenance of local effort in order to receive state aid; to repeal section 54-24.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public libraries' maintenance of local effort in order to receive state aid; to provide for application; and to declare an emergency.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1104:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-01.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to moving and related expenses for displaced persons; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

**HB 1105:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 24-02-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to design-build contracts for highway or bridge projects; to provide for a report to the legislative assembly; and to provide for an expiration date.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Legislative Compensation Commission)

**HB 1106:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compensation and expense reimbursement of members of the legislative assembly.

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 Legislative Compensation Commission)

**HB 1107:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 5 of 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 **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Rep. Porter introduced:

**HB 1108:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 32-03.1-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to immunity from civil liability for persons using automated external defibrillators.

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

Rep. Wald introduced:

**HB 1109:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 23-37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursement for petroleum releases; and to amend and reenact section 23-37-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to petroleum tank release compensation fund definitions.

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

Rep. Wald introduced:

**HB 1110:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursement to political subdivisions for fighting fires; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Rep. Brandenburg introduced:

**HB 1111:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 18-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a North Dakota fire commission.

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

Rep. Brandenburg introduced:

**HB 1112:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the office of management and budget to provide matching funds for insurance to entities that provide volunteer emergency services.

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

Rep. Gruchalla introduced:

**HB 1113:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-04-55 and 39-06.1-06, subsection 1 of section 39-08-03.1, and sections 39-08-18, 39-09-01, 39-10.1-01,

39-12-08, 39-12-09, 39-21-09, and 39-21-50 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to traffic fees.

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

Rep. Gruchalla introduced:

**HB 1114:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-09-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to minimum speed limits.

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

Rep. Mueller introduced:

**HB 1115:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a biomass energy center.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1116:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12-44.1-02, 12-44.1-06, 12-44.1-13, 12-44.1-21, and 12-44.1-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to correctional facilities; to repeal section 12-44.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to corrective action and enforcement for correctional facilities; and to provide a penalty.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Financial Institutions)

**HB 1117:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 13-03.1 and sections 13-04.1-01.1, 13-04.1-02.1, 13-05-01.1, and 13-05-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fraudulent financial practices, prohibition of advance fees, orders and injunctions of the department of financial institutions, definitions, and exemptions; and to amend and reenact sections 13-04.1-02 and 13-05-02 and subsection 1 of section 13-05-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to money broker and collection agency licenses.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of Nursing)

**HB 1118:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-12.1-08, 43-12.1-09, and 43-12.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of limited licenses and registrations by the board of nursing and the requirements of nurse applicants for license by endorsement.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Real Estate Commission)

**HB 1119:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-23-03, 43-23-05.1, and 43-23-10, subdivision o of subsection 1 of section 43-23-11.1, section 43-23-16, and subsection 5 of section 43-23.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state real estate commission.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1120:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-26-01, 39-26-02, 39-26-10, and 39-26-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abandoned motor vehicles.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1121:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 19-10-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the retail sale of alternative fuels; and to amend and reenact sections 19-10-01 and 19-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to petroleum product definitions and specifications.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents)

**HB 1122:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 12.1-04.1-23, subsection 2 of section 12.1-04.1-26, subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07, subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-08, subsection 6 of section 14-15-19, subsection 2 of section 23-07.6-03, sections 23-07.6-05, 23-07.6-06, and 25-01.2-11, subsection 2 of section 27-20-17, subsection 4 of section 27-20-22, section 27-20-26, subsections 2

and 3 of section 27-20-49, and sections 27-22-02, 29-07-01.1, 29-32.1-05, and 31-01-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing legal counsel at public expense.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Optometry)

**HB 1123:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-13-02, sections 43-13-05, 43-13-06, and 43-13-11, subsection 3 of section 43-13-13.2, subsection 7 of section 43-13-22, and section 43-13-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regulation and licensing of optometrists.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Seed Commission)

**HB 1124:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-09-01, 4-09-20.1, 4-10-01, 4-10-05, 4-10-12.1, and 4-42-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vendor responsibility for data on seed labels, labeling requirements, and immunity from liability from contract or tort suits for inspection, analysis, and certifications of agricultural and potato seed and crops; and to repeal section 4-10-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to inspector certificates.

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 1125:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapters 43-13.1 and 43-29.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to loan repayment programs for optometrists and veterinarians; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the North Dakota Racing Commission)

**HB 1126:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 53-06.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of the racing promotion fund; and to amend and reenact section 53-06.2-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to taxes on parimutuel wagering.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

**HB 1127:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of transmission authority information; and to amend and reenact subsection 12 of section 49-24-05, subsection 3 of section 54-17.5-04, and subsection 5 of section 54-44.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to powers of the transmission authority and procurement and borrowing by the industrial commission.

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 Industrial Commission)

**HB 1128:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 54-17.7 and a new section to chapter 57-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota pipeline authority, to provide for the planning, constructing, owning, financing, maintaining, operating, and disposing of pipeline facilities and related infrastructure, to authorize issuance of revenue bonds, and a tax exemption for pipeline facilities; to amend and reenact subdivision I of subsection 2 of section 28-32-01, subsection 5 of section 54-44.4-02, subsection 2 of section 54-60.1-01, and section 57-51.1-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Administrative Agencies Practice Act exemption for the pipeline authority; and procurement, business incentive exception, and deposits to the oil and gas research fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1129:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic birth, marriage, fetal death, and death records and electronic filing and registration for birth, fetal death, and death records; to amend and reenact sections 23-02.1-01, 23-02.1-05, 23-02.1-08, 23-02.1-11, 23-02.1-12, 23-02.1-13, 23-02.1-14, 23-02.1-15, and 23-02.1-16, subsection 1 of section 23-02.1-17, sections 23-02.1-18, 23-02.1-19, and 23-02.1-20, subsection 2 of



section 23-02.1-21, section 23-02.1-22, subsection 2 of section 23-02.1-23, sections 23-02.1-25, 23-02.1-26, 23-02.1-27, 23-02.1-28, 23-02.1-29, and 23-02.1-30, subsection 1 of section 23-02.1-32, and sections 23-06-07, 23-06-08, 23-06-09, and 23-06-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to birth, marriage, and death records; to repeal sections 23-02.1-06, 23-02.1-07, 23-02.1-09, and 23-02.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration districts and local registrars; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1130:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 24-02-26.1 and 24-02-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to highway construction arbitration.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1131:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 43-35-15.3, 43-35-18.3, and 43-35-19.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state board of water well contractors and geothermal installer certification and standards; and to amend and reenact sections 43-35-03, 43-35-06, 43-35-11, 43-35-12, 43-35-13, 43-35-14, 43-35-21, and 43-35-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state board of water well contractors and geothermal system installers and installation.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1132:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 23-01-05.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use and disclosure of autopsy reports by the state forensic examiner.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1133:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-59 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parole to transition centers.

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

Education Committee introduced:

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

**HB 1134:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.14 and subsection 3 of section 52-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to release and use of information provided to the followup information on North Dakota education and training system.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1135:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 6-09-15.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transfer of unobligated Bank of North Dakota funds.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1136:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 23-07-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to circumstances when children's immunization requirements may be waived; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 23-07-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to children's required immunizations for attending school.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Commerce)

**HB 1137:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota American Indian business development office, the North Dakota women's business development office, and the international business and trade office; to amend and reenact sections 4-14.1-03, 10-30.5-03, 26.1-50-02, 54-34.3-06, 54-34.3-12, 54-60-04, and 55-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the composition of the agricultural products utilization

commission, the North Dakota development fund, incorporated, board of directors, the North Dakota low-risk incentive fund governing board, the division of economic development and finance offices, the value-added agriculture promotion program, the North Dakota economic development foundation, the state historical board; and to repeal sections 54-34.3-14 and 54-60-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the international business and trade office and the career guidance and job opportunities web site.

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

#### **FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3001:** A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3002:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the judicial election and judicial selection process in North Dakota.

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

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

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**