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The Senate convened at 1:00 p.m., with President Sanford presiding.

The prayer was offered by Reverend Timothy J. Mitzel, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armstrong, Campbell, and Davison.

A quorum was declared by the President.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2032 be returned to the Senate floor from the **Appropriations Committee** and be rereferred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, SB 2032 was rereferred.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2037 be returned to the Senate floor from the **Appropriations Committee** and be rereferred to the **Education Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, SB 2037 was rereferred.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2230 be returned to the Senate floor from the **Human Services Committee** and be rereferred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, SB 2230 was rereferred.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2266 be returned to the Senate floor from the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee** and be rereferred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, SB 2266 was rereferred.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2142: SEN. ROERS (Industry, Business and Labor Committee) MOVED that the amendments on SJ page 145 be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2150: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15.1-36-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school construction loans.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 44 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek;

Wardner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Armstrong; Campbell; Davison

SB 2150 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2146: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 48-01.2-02.1 and 48-01.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public improvement bid and bond thresholds.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 44 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Armstrong; Campbell; Davison

SB 2146 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2200: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-15-06.6, subsection 8 of section 57-15-10, and section 57-15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to capital project levies; and to provide an effective date.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 42 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

NAYS: Larsen, O.; Piepkorn

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Armstrong; Campbell; Davison

SB 2200 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2147: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 48-01.2-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bond requirements for public improvements.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever;

Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

NAYS: Oehlke

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Armstrong; Campbell; Davison

SB 2147 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2188: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the department of commerce to provide boundary geography data to the United States census bureau.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

NAYS: Larsen, O.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Armstrong; Campbell; Davison

SB 2188 passed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fifth, Ninth, and Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2038: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2038 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 6, remove the first "and"

Page 1, line 7, after "management" insert "; and to repeal sections 15.1-19-19 and 15.1-19-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to professional development training regarding the prevention of bullying and youth suicide "

Page 1, line 15, remove "prekindergarten."

Page 1, line 15, remove "paraprofessionals."

Page 1, line 18, replace "at least two" with "these"

Page 1, line 19, replace "address" with "be designated from"

Page 1, line 19, after "following" insert "categories"

Page 1, line 22, remove "and"

Page 1, line 23, replace the underscored period with an underscored semicolon

Page 1, line 24, remove "b."

Page 1, line 24, overstrike "The"

Page 1, line 24, remove "remainder of the professional development"

Page 1, line 24, overstrike "must include:"

Page 2, line 1, replace "(1)" with "(5)"

Page 2, line 4, replace "(2)" with "(6)"

Page 2, line 4, overstrike ", social stigmas"

Page 2, line 5, remove "as it relates to depression, anxiety, stress, and"

Page 2, line 6, remove "substance abuse"

Page 2, line 6, overstrike "and"

Page 2, line 7, replace "(3)" with "(7)"

Page 2, line 8, after "interventions" insert: "; or

(8) Other evidence-based strategies to reduce risk factors for students"

Page 4, remove lines 17 through 31

Page 5, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 6, remove lines 1 through 19

Page 6, line 25, remove "The members of the task force who are not state employees or members of the"

Page 6, remove lines 26 through 31

Page 7, remove lines 1 through 5

Page 7, line 6, remove "6."

Page 7, line 7, remove "Collect and organize data that addresses screening and assessment processes."

Page 7, remove line 8

Page 7, line 9 replace "youth" with "Assess and guide efforts within the children's behavioral health system to ensure a full behavioral health continuum of care is available in the state"

Page 7, line 10, remove "Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide children"

Page 7, remove lines 11 and 12

Page 7, line 13, remove "c."

Page 7, line 14, replace "efficient" with "effective"

Page 7, line 14, remove the second "and"

Page 7, remove lines 15 through 21

Page 7, line 22, replace "By July first of each even-numbered year, the task force shall provide" with "Identify recommendations and strategies to address gaps or needs in the children's behavioral health system:

- d. Engage stakeholders from across the continuum to assess and develop strategies to address gaps or needs in areas including:
 - (1) Education;
 - (2) Juvenile justice;
 - (3) Child welfare;
 - (4) Community; and
 - (5) Health; and
- e. Provide"

Page 7, line 23, after "management" insert "every six months"

Page 7, line 24, replace "children's behavioral health services plan" with "task force's efforts"

Page 8, line 3, replace "To complete annually a minimum of two" with "Two"

Page 8, line 3, after the second "of" insert "the required"

Page 8, line 3, replace "relating" with "must relate"

Page 8, after line 10, insert:

"SECTION 7. REPEAL. Sections 15.1-19-19 and 15.1-19-24 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2040: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2040 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2044: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2044 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 4, line 19, replace "\$165,000" with "\$358,841"

Page 4, line 21, after "project" insert "and for salaries and operating expenses for a professional services position"

Page 4, line 22, after the period insert "The legislative council is authorized one full-time equivalent position."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment provides \$193,841 from the general fund to the Legislative Council for

expenses related to the addition of 1 FTE professional services position as follows:

Salaries and wages \$188,841

Operating expenses 5,000

Total general fund \$193,841

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2054: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2054 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 7, replace "An" with "To the extent the annual cap under this section has not been met, an"

Page 1, line 7, after "state" insert ", who has a minimum of two years of employment,"

Page 1, line 8, after "of" insert "twenty-five percent of"

Page 1, line 18, remove "tuition and fees"

Page 1, line 21, after "waive" insert "twenty-five percent of"

Page 2, line 5, after "5." insert "The total amount of waivers granted each year by institutions under the control of the state board of higher education may not exceed one million dollars."

6."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2055: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Burckhard, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2055 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2088: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2088 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new section to chapter 43-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensed clinical addiction counselors; and to"

Page 1, line 12, after "their" insert "the"

Page 1, line 12, remove the overstrike over "-use"

Page 1, line 12, remove the underscored colon

Page 1, line 13, remove "a. Use"

Page 1, line 13, overstrike "or abuse"

Page 1, line 14, remove "or"

Page 1, remove lines 15 through 17

Page 1, line 18, replace "by the substance use disorders, as provided under" with "the engagement in gambling; or the use of any harmful substance or engagement in any harmful behavior identified by the board by rule. A substance or behavior identified by the board by rule must appear comparable to disorders recognized by"

Page 1, line 19, replace "(5th edition, text revision;" with an underscored comma

Page 1, line 20, replace "2010)" with "fifth edition, text revision (2013), or a future edition adopted by the board"

Page 2, line 28, after the first "counselor" insert ", licensed clinical addiction counselor."

Page 4, replace lines 3 through 23 with:

"SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 43-45-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-45-05.1. Initial licenses.

1. The board shall issue an initial license as an addiction counselor, licensed clinical addiction counselor, or masters addiction counselor to an applicant who has met all of the following requirements:
 - a. ~~Has successfully~~Successfully completed board-approved coursework, ~~approved by the board,~~ at an accredited college or university.
 - b. ~~Has successfully~~Successfully completed one or more oral or written examinations approved by the board for this purpose.
 - c. ~~Has successfully~~Successfully completed a clinical training program approved by the board or accumulated experience as established by the board by rule.
 - d. ~~Has satisfied~~Satisfied to the board that the applicant agrees to adhere to the code of professional conduct adopted by the board.
2. For the clinical training program or accumulated experience required for initial licensure, at least fifty percent of the required supervision must be provided by a supervising licensed addiction counselor, and the additional supervision may be with other professionals designated by the supervising addiction counselor and competent in the area of practice being supervised.
3. The board may grant reciprocity, on such terms and conditions as it may determine necessary, to an applicant for licensure who is in good standing as a licensed, approved, or certified addiction counselor, licensed clinical addiction counselor, or masters addiction counselor under the laws of another jurisdiction that imposes at least substantially the same requirements that are imposed under this chapter.
- ~~3.4.~~ An applicant who is deniedIf the board denies a licensure must be notifiedapplication, the board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for denial and of the applicant's right to a hearing before the board, under chapter 28-32, if a hearing is requested within thirty days."

Page 4, line 27, after "counselor" insert ", a licensed clinical addiction counselor."

Page 6, line 5, after "L.A.C." insert ", L.C.A.C.,"

Page 9, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 15. A new section to chapter 43-45 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Licensed clinical addiction counselor.

1. Under section 43-45-05.1, the board shall issue an initial license as a licensed clinical addiction counselor to a qualified applicant who:

- a. Applies for licensure under this section before January 1, 2023;
 - b. On December 31, 2017, was licensed in this state for an addiction counselor; and
 - c. Completed ten thousand hours of full-time clinical experience as a licensed addiction counselor.
2. The scope of practice of a licensed clinical addiction counselor is the same as the scope of practice of a masters addiction counselor."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2153: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2153 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2155: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Unruh, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2155 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2163: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2163 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, replace "subsections 1," with "subsection"

Page 1, line 3, remove ", and 17"

Page 1, line 4, replace "definitions" with "definition"

Page 1, line 4, remove "abuse,"

Page 1, line 4, remove ", and vulnerable adult"

Page 1, remove lines 6 through 10

Page 1, line 13, after "means" insert "use or receipt of services provided by the vulnerable adult without just compensation."

Page 1, remove lines 17 through 21

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2165: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Poolman, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2165 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2175: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Poolman, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2175 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2179: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Burckhard, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2179 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2185: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**

(4 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2185 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2189: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2189 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 15, replace "has not been reimbursed" with "is not reimbursable"

Page 2, line 22, after "has" insert "been referred for or has"

Page 2, line 26, replace "evidence" with "digital media"

Page 2, line 28, replace "social service agency" with "the department or the department's authorized agent"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2192: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2192 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2194: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2194 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4004: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Unruh, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4004 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Sens. Cook, Laffen, Schaible and Reps. Headland, Howe, Olson introduced:

SB 2288: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a consolidated taxpayer notice containing estimated property tax levies and budget hearing information; to amend and reenact sections 57-02-53 and 57-15-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assessment increase notices and property tax levy public hearings; and to provide an effective date.

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

Sens. Armstrong, Cook, Klein and Reps. Howe, Vigesaa, Delmore introduced:

SB 2289: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 51-07-01.2, 51-07-02.2, and 51-26-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibited practices under farm equipment dealership contracts, dealership transfers, and reimbursement for warranty repair.

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

Sens. Luick, Nelson and Reps. Maragos, Hanson introduced:

SB 2290: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-12-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the human trafficking commission.

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

Sens. J. Lee, D. Larson, Nelson and Reps. McWilliams, Skroch, Schneider introduced:

SB 2291: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 25-03.1-16 and subsection 4 of section 30.1-28-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medication pending treatment order, and powers and duties of a guardian regarding medical decisions.

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

Sens. Wardner, Cook, Rust and Reps. Headland, Howe, Kasper introduced:

SB 2292: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-14-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to new assessment of devalued properties; and to provide an effective date.

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

Sens. Rust, Bekkedahl, Mathern and Reps. B. Anderson, D. Anderson, J. Nelson introduced:

SB 2293: A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 43-41-15, 43-41-16, 43-41-17, 43-41-18, 43-41-19, 43-41-20, 43-41-21, and 43-41-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of social work; to amend and reenact sections 43-41-01, 43-41-02, 43-41-03, 43-41-04, 43-41-07, 43-41-08, 43-41-09, 43-41-10, 43-41-12, and 43-14-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of social work; to repeal section 43-41-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to private practice of social work; and to provide a penalty.

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

Sens. Oban, G. Lee, Mathern and Reps. Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Guggisberg introduced:

SB 2294: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a seal of biliteracy program.

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

Sens. Schaible, Holmberg, Krebsbach and Reps. Dockter, Sanford, Streyle introduced:

SB 2295: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the exemption of state university and college title IX records from public disclosure; and to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of research information.

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

The Senate stood adjourned pursuant to Senator Klein's motion.

Shanda Morgan, Secretary