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The House convened at 1:00 p.m., with Speaker Weisz presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Gretchen Deeg, United Church of Christ, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Mitskog and Toman.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG

This is to inform you that on March 21, 2025, I have signed the following: HB 1061, HB 1071, HB 1103, HB 1105, HB 1112, HB 1117, HB 1122, HB 1132, HB 1134, HB 1142, HB 1147, HB 1153, HB 1154, HB 1155, HB 1156, HB 1164, HB 1173, HB 1175, HB 1177, HB 1198, HB 1235, HB 1246, HB 1267, HB 1313, HB 1327, HB 1336, HB 1340, HB 1412, HB 1420, HB 1432, HB 1522, HB 1526, HB 1529, HB 1547, and HB 1598.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. BOLINSKE rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BOLINSKE

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker and members of the assembly, this past Saturday, March 22nd, the Bishop Ryan Lions Boys Basketball Team won the North Dakota Class B state basketball Championship. They were lead in scoring by seniors Jett Lundeen, Ramsey Walz and Mackson Schean beating the Westhope Newburg Sioux, their only loss in the regular season. It wasn't easy getting to the finals with the Lions facing off Our Redeemers in the Semi-final game that went into overtime. The fans brought out their Lion Crazy gear for the championship and went wild when tournament MVP, Ramsey Walz slam dunked it in the fourth quarter to put the game away. This was coach Brody Bosch's 4th season as the Lions head coach having achieved many accolades including securing the first Boys State Championship for the Lions in over 30 years.

Please help me in congratulating the Bishop Ryan Catholic School Boys Basketball team on an outstanding season and a hard-earned State Championship Title.

Thank you Mr. Speaker

REQUEST

REP. BOSCH REQUESTED that the remarks of Rep. Bolinske be printed in the Journal, which request was granted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPEAKER WEISZ DEEMED approval of the amendments to Engrossed SB 2070, SB 2198, Engrossed SB 2251, Engrossed SB 2294, Engrossed SB 2335, and Reengrossed SB 2398.

Engrossed SB 2251, as amended, was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

Engrossed SB 2070, SB 2198, Engrossed SB 2294, Engrossed SB 2335, and Reengrossed SB 2398, as amended, were placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 2027: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-11, a new subsection to section 11-11-14, a new section to chapter 40-05, a new section to chapter 58-06, a new subsection to section 58-06-01, and a new section to chapter 61-16.2, relating to floodplain management powers and ordinances for counties, cities, and townships; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 11-33-03, subsection 67 of section 40-05-01, subsection 2 of section 40-47-03, and sections

58-03-12 and 61-16.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to county, city, and township floodplain management ordinances and to provide definitions.

SB 2302: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-01-02 and 15-05-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the board of university and school lands and leases on state lands.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bills, which have been read, the roll was called and there were 83 YEAS, 9 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

NAYS: Henderson; Kasper; Morton; Nehring; Osowski; Rios; Schatz; VanWinkle; Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog; Toman

Engrossed SB 2027 and Engrossed SB 2302 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HCR 3035: A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to distributions from the common schools trust fund.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS. The roll was called and there were 15 YEAS, 77 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Conmy; Davis; Foss; Hager; Hauck; Henderson; Hendrix; Hoverson; Johnston, D.; Marschall; Murphy; Novak; Olson, S.; Rios; VanWinkle

NAYS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog; Toman

HCR 3035 was declared lost on a recorded roll call vote.

MOTION

REP. STEINER MOVED that the House reconsider its action whereby Engrossed SB 2105 failed to pass.

REQUEST

REP. MORTON REQUESTED a recorded roll call vote, which request was granted.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the motion to reconsider the action whereby Engrossed SB 2105 failed to pass, the roll was called and there were 46 YEAS, 45 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, K.; Bolinske; Brandenburg; Brown, T.; Christianson; Dressler; Fisher; Frelich; Hauck; Heilman; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Koppelman; Louser; Maki; Marschall; McLeod; Meier; Morton; Motschenbacher; Nehring; Novak; Olson, S.; Osowski; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Steiner; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wolff

NAYS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bosch; Brown, C.; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Finley-DeVill; Foss; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heinert; Ista; Jonas; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Martinson; Monson; Murphy; Nathe; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Sanford; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Swiontek; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog; Nelson; Toman

The motion failed on a recorded roll call vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2278: A BILL for an Act to provide a legislative management study relating to the retention of library materials.

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 77 YEAS, 14 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, T.; Christianson; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hagert; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Nathe; Nehring; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

NAYS: Brown, C.; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Finley-DeVill; Foss; Hager; Hanson; Hoverson; Ista; Murphy; Sanford; Schneider; Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog; Nelson; Toman

Engrossed SB 2278 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2172: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to long-term care insurance policy terms and claim payments.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Finley-DeVill; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert;

Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

NAYS: Hoverson

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog; Nelson; Toman

SB 2172, as amended, passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2209: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the expansion of medical examinations of victims of criminal conduct; and to provide an appropriation.

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 90 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

NAYS: Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Mitskog; Nelson; Toman

Reengrossed SB 2209 passed.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2081, SB 2116, SB 2134, SB 2165, SB 2191, SB 2196, SB 2249, SB 2259, SB 2293, SB 2353.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SCR 4019.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2063 ([25.8047.01001](#)), SB 2176 ([25.1017.02002](#)), SB 2282 ([25.1035.01002](#)).

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has failed to pass, unchanged: SB 2105, SB 2195, SB 2338.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1086, HB 1094, HB 1174, HB 1314, HB 1346, HB 1401, HB 1578, HB 1610.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: HB 1149, HB 1400.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2132 and SB 2207.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1002, HB 1007, HB 1014, HB 1078, HB 1138, HB 1158, HB 1186, HB 1200, HB 1299, HB 1331, HB 1344, HB 1347, HB 1394, HB 1415, HB 1497, HB 1589, HB 1599.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HCR 3008.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2132, SB 2207.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1002, HB 1007, HB 1014, HB 1078, HB 1138, HB 1158, HB 1186, HB 1200, HB 1299, HB 1331, HB 1344, HB 1347, HB 1394, HB 1415, HB 1497, HB 1589, HB 1599.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HCR 3008.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HB 1080, HB 1118, HB 1131, HB 1238, HB 1294, HB 1426, HB 1543, HB 1551, HB 1554.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2060, SB 2064, SB 2084, SB 2088, SB 2107, SB 2127, SB 2136, SB 2139, SB 2140, SB 2157, SB 2177, SB 2217, SB 2238, SB 2290, SB 2362, SB 2369.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SCR 4013, SCR 4020.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2132, SB 2207.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2060, SB 2064, SB 2084, SB 2088, SB 2107, SB 2127, SB 2132, SB 2136, SB 2139, SB 2140, SB 2157, SB 2177, SB 2207, SB 2217, SB 2238, SB 2290, SB 2362, SB 2369.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SCR 4013, SCR 4020.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on March 24, 2025: HB 1080, HB 1118, HB 1131, HB 1238, HB 1294, HB 1426, HB 1543, HB 1551, HB 1554.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2005 ([25.0172.02000](#))**

Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2005 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2143**

Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0763.01001](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (19 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2143 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2146 ([25.0274.02000](#))**

Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2146 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2169 ([25.0618.01000](#))**

Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (9 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2169 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2231 ([25.0532.02000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (8 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2231 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2262**

Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.1173.02001](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2262 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2274 ([25.1117.01000](#))**

Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2274 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2308**

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0776.03003](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2308 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2379**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.1345.02004](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2379 was placed on the Sixth

order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2384 ([25.1323.03000](#))**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (8 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2384 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

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

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk

