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Bismarck, February 21, 2025

The Senate convened at 12:30 p.m., with President Strinden presiding.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Dave Sjostrom, ND Adult and Teen Challenge, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present.

A quorum was declared by the President.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the Thirtieth Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 534, remove line 39

SEN. BEARD MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2400 be moved to immediately after SB 2299 on the Sixth order of the calendar, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that HB 1026 be returned to the Senate floor from the **State and Local Government Committee** and be rereferred to the **Industry and Business Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, HB 1026 was rereferred.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that HB 1078 be returned to the Senate floor from the **State and Local Government Committee** and be rereferred to the **Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, HB 1078 was rereferred.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that HB 1508 be returned to the Senate floor from the **Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee** and be rereferred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, HB 1508 was rereferred.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate resolve itself into a Confirmation Session, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your **Select Committee (Sen. Axtman, Chairman)** appointed to consider the nomination to Gaming Division, do advise and consent to the appointment of Ryan Norrell.

MOTION

SEN. BRAUNBERGER MOVED that the report be adopted.

ROLL CALL

The question being, "will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Ryan Norrell

to Gaming Division," the roll was called and there were 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

The Senate advises and consents to the appointment of Ryan Norrell to Gaming Division.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Confirmation Session be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2342: SEN. LEMM (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1308.01005](#)) 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 2342: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4.1-01.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a value-added milk processing facility incentive program; and to authorize a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.

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 46 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Clemens

Engrossed SB 2342 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2286, as engrossed: SEN. SORVAAG (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1218.04001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**.

REQUEST

SEN. SORVAAG REQUESTED a verification vote, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2286 were adopted on a verification vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2286: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding university of North Dakota health profession programs.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel;

Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Reengrossed SB 2286 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2254, as engrossed: SEN. CORY (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1109.02001](#)) 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 2254: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of transportation for fixed route city and paratransit transportation services grants; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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 43 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Enget; Luick; Myrdal

Reengrossed SB 2254 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2265, as engrossed: SEN. MARCELLAIS (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0992.02002](#)) 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 2265: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs for a veterans' national cemetery grant; and to authorize a line of credit.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Reengrossed SB 2265 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2188, as engrossed: SEN. PATTEN (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0563.02001](#)) 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 2188: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-63.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership of the clean sustainable energy authority; and to provide a transfer.

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 44 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Enget; Magrum; Powers

Reengrossed SB 2188 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2029, as engrossed: SEN. PAULSON (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0224.03001](#)) 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 2029: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 27-27.1 and a new subsection to section 30.1-28-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an office of guardianship and conservatorship and the removal of a guardian; to amend and reenact section 30.1-29-15 and subsection 1 of section 50-24.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the removal of a conservator and the recovery of medical assistance expenses; to repeal chapter 27-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the task force on guardianship monitoring; to provide a penalty; to provide for a report; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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 24 YEAS, 23 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Castaneda; Clemens; Davison; Kessel; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Klein; Lee; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Walen; Wanzek; Weber

Reengrossed SB 2029 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2379: SEN. VAN OOSTING (Energy and Natural Resources Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1345.01001](#)) 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 2379: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 32-15-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the surveying process during eminent domain proceedings.

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 25 YEAS, 22 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Beard; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Clemens; Cory; Enget; Hogan; Hogue; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Paulson; Powers; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Kessel; Klein; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas

Engrossed SB 2379 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2335: SEN. BOEHM (Energy and Natural Resources Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1216.01002](#)) 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 2335: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 38-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pretrial appraisals; and to amend and reenact section 38-11.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the recovery of attorney's fees in an action relating to oil and gas production.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed SB 2335 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2299: SEN. ENGET (Energy and Natural Resources Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0990.02003](#)) 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 2299: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-10-14, subsection 1 of section 54-10-15, and sections 61-35-09 and 61-35-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to oversight of water districts.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed SB 2299 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2400, as engrossed: SEN. SCHAIBLE (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1334.03001](#)) 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 2400: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the education savings account program; and to provide an appropriation.

MOTION

SEN. MATHERN MOVED that Reengrossed SB 2400 be amended ([25.1334.03004](#)), which motion failed on a verification vote.

SB 2400: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the education savings account program; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an appropriation.

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 25 YEAS, 22 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Dever; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Larson; Luick; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Roers; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek

NAYS: Bekkedahl; Braunberger; Castaneda; Clemens; Cory; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Hogan; Klein; Lee; Lemm; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Paulson; Powers; Rummel; Van Oosting; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Reengrossed SB 2400 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2208: SEN. BOEHM (Energy and Natural Resources Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1104.01004](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO NOT PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2208: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 57-51.1-07.5 and sections 57-51.1-07.7 and 57-51.1-07.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state share of oil and gas tax revenue allocations, the municipal infrastructure fund, and the county and township infrastructure fund.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 19 YEAS, 27 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Dever; Erbele; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Meyer; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Wanzek

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Castaneda; Clemens; Cory; Davison; Dwyer; Enget; Gerhardt; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2208 failed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2243: SEN. RUMMEL (Transportation Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0727.01001](#)) 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 2243: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 39-06.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to points assigned to driving records.

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 34 YEAS, 12 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Marcellais; Mathern; Patten; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Cory; Enget; Luick; Magrum; Meyer; Myrdal; Paulson; Thomas; Van Oosting; Weston

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2243 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2357: SEN. AXTMAN (Workforce Development Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1301.01001](#)) 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 2357: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding the feasibility, benefits, and challenges of creating a composite mental health licensing board.

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 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2357 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2327: SEN. MYRDAL (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1215.01003](#)) 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 2327: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4.1-01.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to uses of the agriculture diversification and development fund; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SEN. KESSEL STATED that he had a personal or private interest in Engrossed SB 2327.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Sen. Kessel be allowed to vote on Engrossed SB 2327, which motion prevailed.

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 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Cleary

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2327 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2362: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the accreditation of schools.

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 42 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Boschee; Braunberger; Magrum; Mathern

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2362 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2228: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a rural grocery store sustainability grant program.

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 40 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel;

Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Bekkedahl; Cory; Davison; Roers; Rummel; Sickler

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2228 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2239: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an apprenticeship grant program; and to provide an appropriation.

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 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Cory

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2239 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2272: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 26.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota insurance incentive program; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 21-10-06 and subsection 3 of section 26.1-01-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the insurance incentive fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an exemption.

ROLL CALL

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

YEAS: Barta; Boschee; Klein

NAYS: Axtman; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2272 failed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

SEN. BOSCHEE rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOSCHEE

MADAM PRESIDENT: Madam President, I request per Rule 346, that the Journal reflect my vote on SB 2400 should be nay, which request was granted on a voice vote.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2019, SB 2104, SB 2105, SB 2129, SB 2180, SB 2241, SB 2247, SB 2269, SB 2307, SB 2317, SB 2330, SB 2332, SB 2351, SB 2352, SB 2384, SB 2399.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2001.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1001, HB 1005, HB 1114, HB 1143, HB 1181, HB 1199, HB 1222, HB 1395, HB 1450, HB 1460, HB 1481, HB 1487, HB 1524, HB 1572, HB 1603.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HCR 3015.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1497.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1038.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2028.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1038.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HB 1038.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was delivered to the Governor for approval on February 21, 2025: SB 2028.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 24, 2025, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**SB 2008 ([25.0175.01000](#))**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2008 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**SB 2012**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0179.01010](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2012 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**SB 2014**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0181.01007](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2014 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2215 ([25.1000.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2215 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2217

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0568.05002](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2217 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2230

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1189.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2230 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2258 ([25.0826.04000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2258 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2267

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0988.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2267 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2315 ([25.0593.03000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2315 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2338 ([25.1124.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2338 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2349 ([25.1023.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2349 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce

development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2390**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1355.02003](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2390 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2393 ([25.1341.01000](#))**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2393 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4007 ([25.3051.01000](#))**

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4007 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4011 ([25.3067.01000](#))**

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4011 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4014 ([25.3077.01000](#))**

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4014 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4022 ([25.3060.01000](#))**

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4022 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4024 ([25.3079.01000](#))**

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4024 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1030 ([25.0100.01000](#))**

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1030 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1039 ([25.8001.01000](#))**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1039 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1043 ([25.8011.01000](#))**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Patten, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1043 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1045 ([25.8021.01000](#))**

Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Barta, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1045 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1066 ([25.8080.02000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1066 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill affects workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1068 ([25.8082.02000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1068 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1070 ([25.8084.01000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1070 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1074 ([25.8099.01000](#))**

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1074 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1090 ([25.0345.01000](#))**

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1090 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1115 ([25.8015.01000](#))**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1115 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1124 ([25.8125.01000](#))**

Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Barta, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1124 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1133 ([25.0491.01000](#))**

Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1133 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1211 ([25.0737.01000](#))**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1211 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1244 ([25.0405.03000](#))**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1244 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1261 ([25.1070.01000](#))**

Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1261 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

FIRST READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Sens. Magrum, Walen and Reps. S. Olson, Hoverson introduced:

SCR 4025: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying all state laws to identify laws that are outdated, unnecessary, or cause undue burden on this state and its citizens.

Was read the first time and referred to the **State and Local Government Committee**.

Sens. Magrum, Walen and Reps. S. Olson, Hoverson introduced:

SCR 4026: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility and desirability of establishing a state-owned association for the development and production of oil and gas.

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

Sens. Cleary, Dever and Reps. Jonas, Schauer introduced:

SCR 4027: A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to charitable gaming and limitations on the use of gaming proceeds.

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

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary