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

The prayer was offered by Father Steven Vetter, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Wobbema.

A quorum was declared by the President.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate suspend joint rule 203.2 to replace the forty-third day with the forty-fourth day, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Senate Rule 601(3)(f) be suspended for the purpose of placing HB 1394 on today's calendar, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1485, as engrossed: SEN. ROERS (Human Services Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1018.02001](#)) be adopted and then be **REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1485 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1205, as reengrossed: SEN. VAN OOSTING (Human Services Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0559.04004](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1024, as engrossed: SEN. BEKKEDAH (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0741.02001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1278, as engrossed: SEN. BURCKHARD (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0742.06001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that HB 1300, which is on the Fourteenth order, be rereferred to the **Judiciary Committee**, which motion prevailed. Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, HB 1300 was rereferred.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1001, as engrossed: SEN. CONLEY (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0145.02001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1206: SEN. CORY (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0022.01001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1511: SEN. MYRDAL (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0963.03003](#)) be adopted and then be **REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee**

with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

HB 1511 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1204: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the publication of false information in political advertisements; and to provide a penalty.

MOTION

SEN. CLEARY MOVED that Engrossed HB 1204 be amended ([25.0254.02001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

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; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Powers

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1204, as amended, passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1331: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state college of science; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

NAYS: Clemens; Enget; Powers

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

HB 1331 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

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

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, 3 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; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Magrum; Powers; Walen

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1014 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1007: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of labor and human rights.

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, 3 NAYS, 1 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; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Clemens; Magrum; Powers

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1007 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1002: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the secretary of state; to amend and reenact sections 46-03-11, 46-04-01, 46-04-03, 46-04-04, 46-04-10, 46-04-14, 46-04-18, 46-04-19, and 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public printing and the salary of the secretary of state; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

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 46 YEAS, 0 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; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1002 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1347: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 27-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to district court supervised treatment programs approved by the supreme court.

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 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; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Thomas

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

HB 1347 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1200: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the waiver and substitution of one unit required for high school graduation under emergent circumstances.

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 46 YEAS, 0 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; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1200 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1394: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-27-01 and 23-27-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of emergency medical services operations.

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 46 YEAS, 0 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; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1394 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1508: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 57-02-27.2 of the

North Dakota Century Code, relating to valuation and assessment of agricultural lands; 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 NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 2 YEAS, 44 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Gerhardt; Magrum

NAYS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Hogan; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1508 failed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. CASTANEDA MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to SB 2064 ([25.8048.01001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2064, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2064: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 19-03.1-05, 19-03.1-09, and 19-03.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the scheduling of controlled substances; and to declare an emergency.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 46 YEAS, 0 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; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Engrossed SB 2064 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. BARTA MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2098 ([25.0282.03001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2098, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2098: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a state alert notice system; and to repeal sections 39-03-13.2 and 54-12-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state's silver and blue alert notice systems.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 46 YEAS, 0 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; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Wobbema

Reengrossed SB 2098 passed.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1138, HB 1158, HB 1186, HB 1299, HB 1344, HB 1415, HB 1589, HB 1599.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HCR 3008.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: HB 1078.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1088 ([25.8131.02001](#)), HB 1167 ([25.0529.03001](#)), HB 1170 ([25.0035.03001](#)), HB 1241 ([25.0586.01001](#)), HB 1316 ([25.0681.02001](#)), HB 1447 ([25.1011.02001](#)).

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1140 ([25.0270.02001](#)).

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1257 ([25.0775.02004](#)).

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HB 1518.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2060, SB 2084, SB 2088, SB 2107, SB 2139, SB 2140, SB 2157, SB 2290.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SCR 4013, SCR 4020.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently passed: SCR 4007 ([25.3051.01001](#)).

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has failed to pass, unchanged: SB 2193.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2038, SB 2090, SB 2122, and SB 2324.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has concurred in the Senate amendments and subsequently passed: HB 1080, HB 1118, HB 1131, HB 1238, HB 1426, HB 1543, HB 1551, and HB 1554.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2038, SB 2090, SB 2098, SB 2122, SB 2324.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2205, SB 2250, SB 2258, SB 2260, SB 2288, SB 2368.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4024.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2123, SB 2167, SB 2242, SB 2386.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2123, SB 2167, SB 2242, SB 2386.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on March 19, 2025: SB 2123, SB 2167, SB 2242, SB 2386.

MOTION

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

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 1:15 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ENGROSSED HB 1114 ([25.0118.02000](#))

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (3 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1114 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE HB 1615

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1214.01003](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1615 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE HCR 3029 ([25.3062.01000](#))

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3029 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary

