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Bismarck, April 3, 2025

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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Sylvia Bull, Faith Lutheran Church, 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 Fifty-third Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 962, replace lines 10 through 15 with:

**"REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1322**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0744.03001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1322 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development."

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1176, as reengrossed: SEN. BEKKEDAH (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1003.04011](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**.

REQUEST

SEN. RUMMEL REQUESTED a recorded roll call vote, which request was granted.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the motion to adopt the amendments to Reengrossed HB 1176, the roll was called and there were 31 YEAS, 16 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Klein; Lemm; Luick; Mathern; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Axtman; Boschee; Braunberger; Castaneda; Hogan; Kessel; Larson; Lee; Magrum; Marcellais; Meyer; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Sickler; Van Oosting

The proposed amendments to Reengrossed HB 1176 were adopted on a recorded roll call vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1176: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-27, a new section to chapter 57-02, and a new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a legacy earnings fund, a legacy property tax relief fund, a primary residence certification, and a limitation on property tax levies without voter approval; to amend and reenact section 6-09.4-10.1, subsection 1 of section

21-10-06, sections 40-40-06, 54-27-19.3, and 57-02-01, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 57-02-08.1, subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 57-02-08.1, section 57-02-08.9 as amended by section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2201, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, sections 57-02-08.10, 57-02-27, 57-02-27.1, 57-02-53, 57-09-04, 57-11-03, 57-12-06, 57-15-02.2, and 57-20-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funds invested by the state investment board, property tax definitions, the homestead tax credit and renters refund, the primary residence credit, property classifications, assessment and budget hearing notices to property owners, and the property tax statement; to repeal sections 21-10-12 and 21-10-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legacy fund definitions and the legacy earnings fund; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide an appropriation; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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 HB 1176, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1588, as engrossed: SEN. PAULSON (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1290.02005](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1588: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01, section 62.1-02-05, subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 62.1-04-03, and section 62.1-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dangerous weapons, the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, testing for a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed, and producing a concealed carry license upon request; and to provide a penalty.

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

NAYS: Boschee; Braunberger; Hogan; Mathern

Engrossed HB 1588, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1476, as reengrossed: SEN. GERHARDT (Education Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1137.04002](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO NOT PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1476: 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 the assessment of all public school buildings.

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 28 YEAS, 19 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Dever; Enget; Erbele; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Van Oosting; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Axtman; Beard; Boehm; Burckhard; Clemens; Cory; Dwyer; Gerhardt; Hogan; Lee; Magrum; Powers; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek; Wobbema

Reengrossed HB 1476, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1375, as engrossed: SEN. CORY (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0249.04001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1375: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a licensed premises serving alcohol and refusal to furnish a photo identification; to amend and reenact section 5-02-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the time frame to file a complaint against a licensed retailer of alcoholic beverages; and to provide a penalty.

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 HB 1375, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1322, as engrossed: SEN. ROERS (Human Services Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0744.03001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1322: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-27 and a new section to chapter 26.1-47 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ambulance service balanced billing and provider reimbursement; to amend and reenact section 23-27-04.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to emergency medical services communication; to provide for a legislative management study; 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 46 YEAS, 1

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; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Magrum

Engrossed HB 1322, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1194, as engrossed: SEN. CASTANEDA (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0500.02003](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1194: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-11-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to false information or false reports to law enforcement; and to provide a penalty.

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 HB 1194, as amended, passed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that HB 1525 be moved to the top of the calendar, which motion prevailed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1525: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 53-06.1-01.1 and 53-06.1-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the structure of the state gaming commission and the administration and regulation of games of chance; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for application.

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 13 YEAS, 34 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Barta; Braunberger; Castaneda; Cory; Gerhardt; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Paulson; Thomas; Van Oosting; Wobbema

NAYS: Axtman; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Myrdal; Patten; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

Engrossed HB 1525, as amended, failed.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1064, HB 1319, HB 1364.**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)****MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: HB 1146.**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)****MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1008 ([25.0152.02001](#)), HB 1017 ([25.0161.02002](#)), HB 1022 ([25.0166.02007](#)), HB 1029 ([25.0376.04001](#)), HB 1218 ([25.0817.02002](#)), HB 1234 ([25.0432.02001](#)), HB 1355 ([25.0970.02001](#)), HB 1374 ([25.1032.02003](#)), HB 1470 ([25.0842.04003](#)).**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)****MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1393 ([25.1073.02002](#)), HB 1583 ([25.0444.03002](#)).**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)****MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HB 1326, HB 1572.**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)****MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, unchanged: SCR 4008.**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)****MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2039, SB 2057, SB 2063, SB 2092, SB 2109, SB 2124, SB 2172, SB 2176, SB 2335, SB 2379, and SB 2398.**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)****MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:**SB 2070:** Reps. Frelich; M. Ruby; Rios**SB 2133:** Reps. D. Johnston; Kasper; Hendrix**SB 2262:** Reps. Louser; Longmuir; Hanson**SB 2294:** Reps. Bolinske; Holle; Dobervich**SB 2297:** Reps. Hendrix; M. Ruby; Rohr**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 1001, HB 1024, HB 1088, HB 1127, HB 1140, HB 1167, HB 1170, HB 1204, HB 1205, HB 1206, HB 1241, HB 1278, HB 1316, HB 1447, HB 1515, and HB 1564.**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)****MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1151, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:**HB 1151:** Reps. K. Anderson; Henderson; S. Olson**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)****MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1248 and HB 1460, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:**HB 1248:** Reps. J. Johnson; Grindberg; Bahl**HB 1460:** Reps. Bolinske; K. Anderson; Dobervich

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

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2039, SB 2057, SB 2063, SB 2092, SB 2109, SB 2124, SB 2172, SB 2176, SB 2335, SB 2379, SB 2398.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1073, HB 1106, HB 1233, HB 1260, HB 1561.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1073, HB 1106, HB 1233, HB 1260, HB 1561.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG

This is to inform you that on April 2, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2005, SB 2049, SB 2146, SB 2169, SB 2171, SB 2174, SB 2183, SB 2233, SB 2247, SB 2253, SB 2254, SB 2255, SB 2274, SB 2292, SB 2299, SB 2352, SB 2359, and SB 2360.

Also, on April 3, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2336, SB 2348, and SB 2395.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has sustained the Governor's veto on SB 2261. The vote was 15 YEAS, 78 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1027**

Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Barta, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0246.03001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1027 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1049**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.8032.02002](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1049 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1220**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0232.02002](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1220 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1258 ([25.0777.02000](#))**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Patten, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (4 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1258 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1291**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0654.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5

YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1291 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1308**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0012.01001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1308 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1448**

Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Barta, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0883.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1448 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1466**

Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Barta, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0453.03003)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1466 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1498**

Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.1191.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1498 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
AMENDED HB 1531 (25.1245.02000)**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1531, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED HB 1540**

Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.1055.04004)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1540 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED HB 1577 (25.1285.03000)**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Patten, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1577 was referred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1591**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS**

([25.1256.03003](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1591 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary