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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Mark Ehrmantraut, God's Child Project, Bismarck.

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

A quorum was declared by the President.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate Conference Committee on Engrossed SB 2399 be dissolved and that a new conference committee be appointed, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a new Conference Committee on:

Engrossed SB 2399: Sens. Lee, Hogan, Van Oosting

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate do not concur in the following House amendments and that a conference committee be appointed to meet with a like committee from the House on each of these measures, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2213 ([25.0425.02003](#))

Reengrossed SB 2354 ([25.1182.04002](#))

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

SB 2213: Sens. Lemm, Schaible, Axtman.

Reengrossed SB 2354: Sens. Axtman, Wobbema, Lemm.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the President appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee from the House as a Conference Committee on Engrossed HB 1003, HB 1169, and HB 1308, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

Engrossed HB 1003: Sens. Sickler, Dwyer, Burckhard

HB 1169: Sens. Myrdal, Lemm, Marcellais

HB 1308: Sens. Powers, Wobbema, Boschee

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1612, as engrossed: SEN. ROERS (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1268.04002](#)) 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 1612: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine for mental health support and certification assistance; 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 39 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Dever; Dwyer; 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; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Clemens; Davison; Enget; Gerhardt; Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1612, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1330, as engrossed and amended: SEN. DWYER (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0779.02004](#)) 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 1330: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 21-10-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the prudent investor rule.

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 20 YEAS, 26 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boschee; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Enget; Lemm; Magrum; Mathern; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weston

NAYS: Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Luick; Marcellais; Meyer; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Weber; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1330, as amended, failed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1329, as engrossed and amended: SEN. SCHAIBLE (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1112.02004](#)) 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 1329: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding the establishment of a government spending database.

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

NAYS: Clemens; Magrum; Powers; Rummel

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1329, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1193, as engrossed: SEN. MEYER (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0501.02008](#)) 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 1193: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a peace officer and correctional officer appreciation grant program; and to provide for a legislative management report.

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 41 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Davison; Dwyer; Hogue; Schaible; Sickler

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1193, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1020, as engrossed: SEN. SORVAAG (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0164.02001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SEN. SICKLER STATED that he had a personal or private interest in Engrossed HB 1020.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Sen. Sickler be allowed not to vote on Engrossed HB 1020, which motion prevailed.

The question being on the motion to adopt the amendments to Engrossed HB 1020, the proposed amendments were adopted on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1020: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of water resources; to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-24.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the northwest area water supply biota water treatment plant operating fund; to amend and reenact sections 54-35-02.7 and 61-02-79 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the water topics overview committee and a Bank of North Dakota line of credit; to provide legislative intent; to provide for a report; to provide for a study; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide an exemption; 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 45 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; 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; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl; Sickler

Engrossed HB 1020, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1566: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to the potential uses of kratom and the implementation of regulations of kratom in the state.

MOTION

SEN. MAGRUM MOVED that Engrossed HB 1566, as amended, be amended ([25.1127.03004](#)).

REQUEST

SEN. BEARD REQUESTED a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1566, as amended, which request was granted.

REQUEST

SEN. DAVISON REQUESTED a recorded roll call vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1566, as amended, which request was granted.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1566, as amended, the roll was called and there were 31 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Klein; Lee; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Clemens; Enget; Gerhardt; Kessel; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Patten; Van Oosting; Weston

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

The proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1566, as amended, were adopted on a recorded roll call vote.

HB 1566: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 4.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of kratom products; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide a penalty; 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 31 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Klein; Larson; Lee; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Wanzek; Weber; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Enget; Hogue; Kessel; Lemm; Luick; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Walen; Weston

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1566, as amended, passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1581: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for tribal tourism grants; and to provide for a legislative management report.

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

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

NAYS: Boehm; Magrum; Myrdal; Powers; Thomas; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1581 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1534: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limitations on taxable valuation increases without voter approval; 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 0 YEAS, 46 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1534 failed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1266: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-08.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the property tax credit for disabled veterans; 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 0 YEAS, 46 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1266 failed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. LEE MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2375 ([25.1361.02005](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2375, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2375: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to joint negotiations by dental providers with dental insurers.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 44 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2375 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. ROERS MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2251 ([25.0851.02002](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2251, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2251: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-10-01, subsection 5 of section 54-10-14, and sections 54-10-22 and 54-10-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to audits conducted by the state auditor and charges for audits.

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; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2251 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. PATTEN MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to SB 2159 ([25.0797.01009](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2159, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2159: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-11-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to projects the state energy research center is permitted to pursue.

ROLL CALL

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

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

NAYS: Klein; Magrum; Mathern

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2159 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. PATTEN MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2155 ([25.0379.03001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2155, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2155: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 20.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gratis antelope licenses.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 30 YEAS, 16 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Hogan; Hogue; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Sickler; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Kessel; Klein; Luick; Magrum; Myrdal; Patten; Schaible; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2155 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. BARTA MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2051 ([25.8022.02003](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2051, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2051: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-30-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees charged by the North Dakota private investigative and security board; to provide for a performance audit of the North Dakota private investigative and security board; 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 44 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhard; 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: Cleary; Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2051 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 2280 ([25.1180.03003](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2280, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2280: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 26.1-36.12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prior authorization for health insurance; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide an effective date.

ROLL CALL

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

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

NAYS: Magrum; Powers; Roers

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2280 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. BEKKEDAH MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2023 ([25.0190.02003](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2023, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2023: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota racing commission.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 41 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Cleary; Gerhardt; Luick; Myrdal; Schaible

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2023 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. LEE MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to SB 2232 ([25.0343.03002](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2232, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2232: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-25.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an exemption for postpartum exposure to controlled substances and alcohol; to amend and reenact sections 50-25.1-16 and 50-25.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reporting requirements for prenatal exposure to controlled substances and alcohol abuse and toxicology test requirements; and to repeal section 50-25.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reporting requirements for prenatal exposure to alcohol misuse.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 44 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; 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; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Magrum; Powers

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed SB 2232 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. BEARD MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2241 ([25.0799.02001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2241, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2241: 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 authorization and administration of public charter schools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 39 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Boschee; Braunberger; Hogan; Klein; Lee; Mathern; Weber

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2241 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. BEKKEDAH MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2022 ([25.0189.02003](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2022, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2022: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents; to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-44.3-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to categories of positions in the state service; 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, the roll was called and there were 46 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2022 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. WOBBERA MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to SB 2058 ([25.8035.01001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2058, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2058: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 43-35-13, section 43-35-14, subsection 1 of section 43-35-17, and sections 43-35-21 and 43-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the operations of the board of water well contractors; and to repeal section 43-35-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the operations of the board of water well contractors.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 42 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Klein; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Engrossed SB 2058 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. BEKKEDAH **MOVED** that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2024 ([25.0191.02001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2024, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2024: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of environmental quality; and to amend and reenact section 23.1-13-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to inspection fees.

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; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhard; 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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2024 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. LARSON **MOVED** that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Reengrossed SB 2037 ([25.0272.04003](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Reengrossed SB 2037, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2037: A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 27-20.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to juvenile court petitions, fitness to proceed in juvenile court proceedings, and collateral consequences the juvenile court may order; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-04.1-01, 12.1-04.1-20, and 12.1-17-01.2, subsection 2 of section 12.1-17-07.2, section 12.1-20-01, subsections 2 and 6 of section 12.1-31-03, sections 12.1-32-15 and 15.1-09-33.4, subsection 6 of section 27-20.2-01, subsection 3 of section 27-20.2-09, subsection 5 of section 27-20.4-11, subsection 1 of section 27-20.4-18, subsection 1 of section 27-20.4-20, and section 62.1-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to lack of criminal responsibility, court jurisdiction, distribution of intimate images without consent, domestic violence, criminality of a child regarding sex offenses, sale and use of

tobacco by an individual under the age of twenty-one, child registration requirements, restitution, probation of a delinquent child, extracurricular activities for students, and persons not allowed to possess a firearm; to repeal sections 27-20.4-12, 27-20.4-13, and 27-20.4-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to delinquency; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a penalty.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhard; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathem; 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: Bekkedahl

Reengrossed SB 2037 passed.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1581.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1193 ([25.0501.02008](#)), HB 1329 ([25.1112.02004](#)), HB 1566 ([25.1127.03004](#)), HB 1612 ([25.1268.04002](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1020 ([25.0164.02001](#)), HB 1442 ([25.0931.03003](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1330 ([25.0779.02004](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HB 1266, HB 1534.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2228, SB 2307.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2021 ([25.0188.02003](#)), SB 2188 ([25.0563.03002](#)), SB 2265 ([25.0992.03001](#)), SB 2390 ([25.1355.03002](#)).

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2019 ([25.0186.02004](#)), SB 2025 ([25.0192.02003](#)).

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause failed: SB 2001 ([25.0168.02001](#)).

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently failed to pass: SB 2097 ([25.0231.04003](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2022, SB 2023, SB 2024, SB 2037, SB 2051, SB 2058, SB 2155, SB 2159, SB 2232, SB 2241, SB 2251, SB 2280, and SB 2375.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2213 and SB 2354, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

SB 2213: Sens. Lemm; Schaible; Axtman

SB 2354: Sens. Axtman; Wobbema; Lemm

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 2007: Reps. B. Anderson; O'Brien; Murphy

SB 2011: Reps. Pyle; Kempenich; Meier

SB 2013: Reps. Kempenich; Bosch; Monson

SB 2020: Reps. Fisher; Monson; Brandenburg

SB 2033: Reps. Fegley; Rios; K. Anderson

SB 2374: Reps. J. Johnson; C. Brown; Vollmer

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:

SCR 4007: Reps. Rohr; Steiner; T. Brown

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 1008, HB 1017, HB 1027, HB 1203, HB 1361, HB 1429, HB 1476, HB 1537, HB 1588, and HB 1591.

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 1143, HB 1144, HB 1176, HB 1199, and HB 1454, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

HB 1143: Reps. Vollmer; Schreiber-Beck; Hauck

HB 1144: Reps. Rohr; Frelich; Fegley

HB 1176: Reps. Headland; Nathe; Bosch

HB 1199: Reps. McLeod; C. Brown; Schneider

HB 1454: Reps. D. Ruby; Ostlie; Koppelman

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

HB 1003: Sens. Sickler; Dwyer; Burckhard

HB 1169: Sens. Myrdal; Lemm; Marcellais

HB 1308: Sens. Powers; Wobbema; Boschee

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has dissolved the Senate conference committee and has appointed as a new conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

SB 2399: Sens. Lee; Hogan; Van Oosting

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2036, SB 2117, SB 2120, SB 2137, SB 2198, SB 2210, SB 2214, SB 2221.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2036, SB 2117, SB 2120, SB 2137, SB 2198, SB 2210, SB 2214, SB 2221.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HB 1025, HB 1026, HB 1095, HB 1162, HB 1194, HB 1197, HB 1219, HB 1223, HB 1254, HB 1263, HB 1280, HB 1297, HB 1303, HB 1317, HB 1354, HB 1355, HB 1374, HB 1375, HB 1404, HB 1410, HB 1468, HB 1470, HB 1479, HB 1481, HB 1499, HB 1511, HB 1549, HB 1562, HB 1592, HB 1603.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HCR 3003, HCR 3025, HCR 3028.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on April 15, 2025: SB 2016, SB 2017, SB 2076, SB 2143, SB 2216, SB 2245, SB 2269, SB 2334, SB 2351.

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 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1010**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** [\(25.0154.02001\)](#) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1010 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1013**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** [\(25.0157.02005\)](#) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1013 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
AMENDED HB 1216**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** [\(25.0068.01007\)](#) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1216, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED HB 1332**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** [\(25.0541.06001\)](#) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1332 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED AND AMENDED HB 1369**

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

([25.0716.04003](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1369, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1482**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0546.01005](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1482 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED AND AMENDED HB 1584**

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1281.02005](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1584, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1601**

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1289.02004](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1601 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2297**

Your conference committee (Sens. Clemens, Roers, Van Oosting and Reps. Hendrix, M. Ruby, Rohr) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1234.02001](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2297 is amended by amendment [25.1234.02002](#).

Engrossed SB 2297 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SCR 4017**

Your conference committee (Sens. Myrdal, Castaneda, Braunberger and Reps. Schreiber-Beck, Morton, Hager) recommends that in place of amendment [25.3041.01001](#) adopted by the House, SCR 4017 is amended by amendment [25.3041.01003](#).

SCR 4017 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary

