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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Paul Herr, Century Baptist Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present.

A quorum was declared by the President.

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.

Engrossed SB 2001 ([25.0168.02001](#))

Engrossed SB 2019 ([25.0186.02004](#))

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

Engrossed SB 2001: Sens. Sickler, Dwyer, Wanzek.

Engrossed SB 2019: Sens. Schaible, Conley, Meyer.

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 1020, Engrossed HB 1130, Engrossed HB 1143, Engrossed HB 1144, Reengrossed HB 1176, and Engrossed HB 1485, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

Engrossed HB 1020: Sens. Sorvaag, Thomas, Bekkedahl

Engrossed HB 1130: Sens. Schaible, Beard, Axtman

Engrossed HB 1143: Sens. Burckhard, Erbele, Dwyer

Engrossed HB 1144: Sens. Lemm, Gerhardt, Boschee

Reengrossed HB 1176: Sens. Weber, Bekkedahl, Erbele

Engrossed HB 1485: Sens. Cleary, Magrum, Mathern

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Sen. Mathern replace Sen. Cleary on the Conference Committee on SB 2004, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1012, as engrossed: SEN. DEVER (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0156.02028](#)) 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 1012: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various divisions of the department of health and human services; to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an extraordinary medical needs housing loan fund; to amend and reenact sections 50-06-06.6, 50-06-42, 50-24.5-02.3, and 50-33-05, and subsection 1 of 50-36-03 of the North Dakota Century Code and subsection 6 of the new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code created in section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2176, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, relating to leases of department of health and human services property, substance use disorder treatment program, basic care payment rates, state of residence for child care

assistance, opioid settlement advisory committee, and children's cabinet; to provide for a transfer; to authorize a line of credit; to provide legislative intent; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide an application; to provide an exemption; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.

MOTION

SEN. MATHERN MOVED that Engrossed HB 1012, as amended, be amended ([25.0156.02029](#)).

REQUEST

SEN. MATHERN REQUESTED a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1012, as amended, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1012, as amended, failed on a verification 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 37 YEAS, 10 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Enget; Luick; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Walen; Weston

Engrossed HB 1012, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1540, as reengrossed and amended: SEN. WOBBEMA (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1055.04010](#)) 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 1540: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an education savings account program for students who are not enrolled in public school or a homeschool program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

MOTION

SEN. AXTMAN MOVED that Reengrossed HB 1540, as amended, be amended ([25.1055.04012](#)).

REQUEST

SEN. DAVISON REQUESTED a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Reengrossed HB 1540, as amended, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Reengrossed HB 1540, as amended, were adopted on a verification vote.

MOTION

SEN. GERHARDT MOVED that Reengrossed HB 1540, as amended, be amended ([25.1055.04014](#)), which motion failed on a verification vote.

MOTION

SEN. HOGUE MOVED the previous question, 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 27 YEAS, 20

NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boehm; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Gerhardt; Hogue; Larson; Magrum; Meyer; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Sickler; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Davison; Erbele; Hogan; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Weber

Reengrossed HB 1540, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1619, as engrossed and amended: SEN. DAVISON (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1332.02005](#)) 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 1619: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a long-term care facility infrastructure loan fund; to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the medical facility infrastructure loan fund; to provide for a transfer; and to provide for 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 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 1619, as amended, passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1577, as reengrossed: SEN. MAGRUM (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1285.03009](#)) 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 1577: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23.1-07 and a new subsection to section 23.1-07-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a wastewater infrastructure grant program and the duties of the department of environmental quality; to authorize a Bank of North Dakota line of credit; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a legislative management study; 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 1577, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Reengrossed SB 2265, as amended, which is on the Twelfth order, be rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**, which motion prevailed. Pursuant to Sen. Klein's motion, Reengrossed SB 2265, as amended, was rereferred.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1012 ([25.0156.02028](#)), HB 1540 ([25.1055.04012](#)), HB 1619 ([25.1332.02005](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1577 ([25.1285.03009](#)).

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2340.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2256 ([25.0792.03003](#)), SB 2370 ([25.1364.02003](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2001 and SB 2019, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

SB 2001: Sens. Sickler; Dwyer; Wanzek

SB 2019: Sens. Schaible; Conley; Meyer

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 2213: Reps. Schreiber-Beck; Conmy; Richter

SB 2354: Reps. Jonas; Novak; Osowski

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 1016, HB 1032, HB 1126, HB 1160, HB 1181, HB 1209, HB 1226, HB 1234, HB 1247, HB 1466, HB 1469, HB 1487, HB 1498, HB 1531, HB 1533, HB 1542, and HB 1556.

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 1318.

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: HCR 3018.

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 1010, HB 1013, and HB 1214, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

HB 1010: Reps. Meier; Monson; Pyle

HB 1013: Reps. Richter; Nathe; Louser

HB 1214: Reps. Richter; Hanson; Schreiber-Beck

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 1020: Sens. Sorvaag; Thomas; Bekkedahl

HB 1130: Sens. Schaible; Beard; Axtman

HB 1143: Sens. Burckhard; Erbele; Dwyer

HB 1144: Sens. Lemm; Gerhardt; Boschee

HB 1176: Sens. Weber; Bekkedahl; Erbele

HB 1485: Sens. Cleary; Magrum; Mathern

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has appointed Sen. Mathern to replace Sen. Cleary on the Conference Committee on SB 2004.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2022, SB 2023, SB 2024, SB 2037, SB 2051, SB 2058, SB 2155, SB 2159, SB 2228, SB 2232, SB 2241, SB 2251, SB 2280, SB 2307, SB 2375.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2069, SB 2082, SB 2186, SB 2226, SB 2230, SB 2385, SB 2387.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1008, HB 1017, HB 1027, HB 1203, HB 1361, HB 1429, HB 1476, HB 1537, HB 1581, HB 1588, HB 1591.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1008, HB 1017, HB 1027, HB 1203, HB 1361, HB 1429, HB 1476, HB 1537, HB 1581, HB 1588, HB 1591.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HB 1591.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG

This is to inform you that on April 15, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2158, SB 2204, SB 2218, SB 2305, and SB 2333.

Also, on April 16, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2016, SB 2017, SB 2076, SB 2143, SB 2216, SB 2245, SB 2269, SB 2334, and SB 2351.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED HB 1168**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0044.08006)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1168 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1298**

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0496.01003)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1298 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1579 ([25.1252.02000](#))**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Patten, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1579 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SCR 4007**

Your conference committee (Sens. Roers, Lee, Braunberger and Reps. Rohr, Steiner, Bahl) recommends the **HOUSE REJECT** its amendments ([25.3051.01001](#)) to SCR 4007.

SCR 4007 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2180**

Your conference committee (Sens. Castaneda, Barta, Walen and Reps. Fegley, Ostlie, Warrey) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0269.02002](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2180 is amended by amendment [25.0269.02003](#).

Engrossed SB 2180 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2330**

Your conference committee (Sens. Beard, Boehm, Gerhardt and Reps. Jonas, Hauck, Heilman) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0551.06001](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2330 is amended by amendment [25.0551.06003](#).

Engrossed SB 2330 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary