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Bismarck, April 24, 2025

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

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

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

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 Sixty-sixth Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 1158, line 30, replace "page 1281" with "page 1167"

Page 1158, line 39, remove "and has"

Page 1158, line 40, remove "committee recommendation of DO PASS,"

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

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SB 2224**

Your conference committee (Sens. Myrdal, Larson, Luick and Reps. McLeod, Henderson, Schneider) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1099.01007](#) adopted by the House, SB 2224 is amended by amendment [25.1099.01008](#).

SB 2224 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED SB 2265**

Your conference committee (Sens. Cleary, Meyer, Magrum and Reps. T. Brown, Grindberg, Rohr) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0992.03001](#) adopted by the House, Reengrossed SB 2265 is amended by amendment [25.0992.03002](#).

Reengrossed SB 2265 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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.

Reengrossed SB 2188 ([25.0563.03002](#))
SB 2397 ([25.1360.01005](#))

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

Reengrossed SB 2188: Sens. Patten, Kessel, Beard.

SB 2397: Sens. Patten, Rummel, Sickler.

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 1006 and HB

1298, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

Engrossed HB 1006: Sens. Wanzek, Sickler, Burckhard

HB 1298: Sens. Rummel, Hogan, Klein

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG

Pursuant to Article V, Section 9 of the North Dakota Constitution, I have vetoed SB 2307

MOTION

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

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your **Select Committee (Sen. Magrum, Chairman)** appointed to consider the nomination to North Dakota Gaming Commission, do advise and consent to the appointment of Dan Kovash.

MOTION

SEN. MAGRUM MOVED that the report be adopted.

ROLL CALL

The question being, "will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Dan Kovash to North Dakota Gaming Commission," 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; 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: Larson

The Senate advises and consents to the appointment of Dan Kovash to North Dakota Gaming Commission.

MOTION

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SEN. ROERS MOVED that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2308 as printed on SJ pages 1185-1186 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2308, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2308: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23.1-01, a new section to chapter 54-07, and two new sections to chapter 61-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to standards for well drilling and installation of water well pumps, pitless units, and monitoring wells, a boards review task force, a water well contractors advisory board, and requirements for firms engaged in water well work, installation of water well pump and pitless units, monitoring well work, and drilling of geothermal systems; to amend and reenact section 6-09-43, subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 15.1-01-04, sections 15.1-07-33 and 23-35-02.2, subsection 1 of section 50-06-01.4, sections 52-02-02 and 52-02-08, subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2, sections 54-54-05, 54-59-26, 54-59-27, 54-59-34, 54-59-36, 54-59-37, 54-59-39, 61-03-01.3, 61-04.1-03, 61-04.1-08, 61-04.1-09, 61-04.1-12, 61-04.1-14, 61-04.1-15, 61-04.1-16, 61-04.1-17, 61-04.1-18, 61-04.1-19, 61-04.1-20, 61-04.1-21, 61-04.1-33, 61-04.1-34, 61-04.1-37, 61-04.1-38, and 61-04.1-39, and subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 65-02-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the wastewater recycling treatment guide, boards and commissions, the unemployment insurance advisory council, gubernatorial appointments, the committee on aging, health information technology advisory

committee, statewide longitudinal data system committee, atmospheric resource board, the department of health and human services, the council on the arts, the state engineer, the superintendent of public instruction, job service North Dakota, and workforce safety and insurance coordinating committee; to repeal chapter 8-11.1, sections 12-48-06.1, 15.1-37-05, 15.1-37-06, and 15.1-37-08, chapter 17-07, sections 19-24.1-38, 19-24.1-39, and 23-35-02.3, chapters 34-16 and 43-35, sections 50-06-05.6, 50-06.4-10, 50-11.1-25, 50-11.1-26, 50-11.1-27, 52-02-07, 54-34.3-10, 54-54-10, 54-59-25, 54-59-33, 54-59-35, 54-59-38, 54-60-25, 55-01-13, 55-01-14, 61-04.1-04, 61-04.1-05, 61-04.1-06, 61-04.1-07, and 61-04.1-10, and chapter 61-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to occupational and professional boards, the midwest interstate passenger rail compact, prison industry advisory committee, energy policy commission, medical marijuana advisory committee, onsite wastewater recycling technical committee, state board of water well contractors, committee on aging, brain injury advisory council, early childhood council, unemployment insurance advisory council, commission on the status of women, health information technology advisory committee, poet laureate nominating board, rural development council, America 250 commission, atmospheric resource board, and Devils Lake outlet management advisory committee; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration 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 27 YEAS, 19 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Dever; Erbele; Hogue; Kessel; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Wanzek; Weber

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Clemens; Cory; Dwyer; Enget; Gerhardt; Hogan; Klein; Lee; Magrum; Paulson; Powers; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Larson

Reengrossed SB 2308 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SEN. MEYER MOVED that the conference committee report on Reengrossed SB 2265 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Reengrossed SB 2265, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2265: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs for a veterans' national cemetery grant; to authorize a line of credit; and to provide for a 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 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; 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: Larson

Reengrossed SB 2265 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SEN. MYRDAL MOVED that the conference committee report on SB 2224 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2224, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2224: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-01.1, subsection 3 of section 53-06.1-14, and section 53-06.1-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the gaming commission, gaming stamp requirements, and the attorney general's regulation of gaming; 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, the roll was called and there were 0 YEAS, 46 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

Engrossed SB 2224 failed.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2188 and SB 2397, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

SB 2188: Sens. Patten; Kessel; Beard

SB 2397: Sens. Patten; Rummel; Sickler

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 2029: Reps. Frelich; Hendrix; Hanson

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 1216.

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 1369, HB 1459, and HB 1577, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

HB 1369: Reps. Nathe; Richter; Heinert

HB 1459: Reps. D. Anderson; Dockter; Porter

HB 1577: Reps. Wagner; B. Anderson; Mitskog

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 1006: Sens. Wanzek; Sickler; Burckhard
HB 1298: Sens. Rummel; Hogan; Klein

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has not adopted the conference committee report on: SB 2010.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2265, SB 2308.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently failed to pass: SB 2224.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report on: HB 1143.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report on: SB 2001, SB 2013, SB 2070, SB 2112.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1022, HB 1029, HB 1363.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2011, SB 2133, SB 2180, SB 2213, SB 2271, SB 2282, SB 2330, SB 2374, SB 2396, SB 2399.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SCR 4007.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2007.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2129, SB 2262, SB 2291, SB 2294, SB 2297.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4017.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1049, HB 1248, HB 1308, HB 1322.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1049, HB 1248, HB 1308, HB 1322.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG
This is to inform you that on April 24, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2276, SB 2339, and SB 2380.

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, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m.,

Friday, April 25, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2033**

Your conference committee (Sens. Lee, Roers, Clemens and Reps. Fegley, Rios, K. Anderson) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0113.03003](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2033 is amended by amendment [25.0113.03006](#).

Engrossed SB 2033 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SB 2147**

Your conference committee (Sens. Axtman, Sorvaag, Gerhardt and Reps. Richter, Nathe, Hanson) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0229.06003](#) adopted by the House, SB 2147 is amended by amendment [25.0229.06004](#).

SB 2147 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1022**

Your conference committee (Sens. Davison, Magrum, Dever and Reps. Bosch, Kempenich, Meier) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0166.02007](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1022 is amended by amendment [25.0166.02009](#).

Engrossed HB 1022 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1029**

Your conference committee (Sens. Braunberger, Barta, Castaneda and Reps. Satrom, Bahl, Grindberg) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0376.04001](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1029 is amended by amendment [25.0376.04002](#).

Engrossed HB 1029 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1143**

Your conference committee (Sens. Burckhard, Erbele, Dwyer and Reps. Vollmer, Schreiber-Beck, Hauck) recommends the **SENATE REJECT** its amendments ([25.0709.03001](#)) to Engrossed HB 1143.

Engrossed HB 1143 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1363**

Your conference committee (Sens. Gerhardt, Wobbema, Beard and Reps. Hauck, Novak, Heinert) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0316.03001](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1363 is amended by amendment [25.0316.03002](#).

Engrossed HB 1363 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1382**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1043.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1382 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

