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## Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, April 18, 2025

The House convened at 12:30 p.m., with Speaker Weisz presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Curt Dikoff, Revival Prayer Fellowship, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives T. Brown, Fegley, Hanson, Henderson, J. Johnson, and Marschall.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG**

This is to inform you that on April 15, 2025, I have signed the following: HB 1058, HB 1063, HB 1110, HB 1258, HB 1274, HB 1305, HB 1341, HB 1419, HB 1437, HB 1483, HB 1500, HB 1567, HB 1597, and HB 1615.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG**

This is to inform you that on April 16, 2025, I have signed the following: 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, and HB 1603.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG**

This is to inform you that on April 17, 2025, I have signed the following: HB 1591.

**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

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

Engrossed HB 1448 ([25.0883.02002](#))

Reengrossed HB 1524 ([25.1007.03001](#))

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

**THE SPEAKER APPOINTED** as a Conference Committee on:

**Engrossed HB 1448:** Reps. Warrey, Nathe, Ostlie.

**Reengrossed HB 1524:** Reps. Monson, Pyle, Hagert.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that SB 2002, which is on the Sixth order, be laid over one legislative day, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SPEAKER WEISZ DEEMED** approval of the amendments to Engrossed SB 2015, Reengrossed SB 2029, Engrossed SB 2156, Reengrossed SB 2200, Engrossed SB 2225, Engrossed SB 2342, and SB 2397.

Engrossed SB 2015, Reengrossed SB 2029, Engrossed SB 2156, Reengrossed SB 2200, Engrossed SB 2225, Engrossed SB 2342, and SB 2397, as amended, were placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the calendar.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SB 2003, as engrossed: REP. SANFORD (Appropriations Committee) MOVED** that the amendments ([25.0170.02027](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**REP. MARTINSON STATED** that he had a personal or private interest in Engrossed SB 2003.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that Rep. Martinson be excused from voting on Engrossed SB 2003, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**REP. DOCKTER STATED** that he had a personal or private interest in Engrossed SB 2003.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that Rep. Dockter be excused from voting on Engrossed SB 2003, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**REP. BERG STATED** that he had a personal or private interest in Engrossed SB 2003.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that Rep. Berg be excused from voting on Engrossed SB 2003, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

The motion to adopt the amendments to Engrossed SB 2003 prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2003, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the calendar.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2003:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota university system; to provide an appropriation to the Bank of North Dakota; to create and enact four new sections to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dual-credit courses, the professional student exchange program, presidential searches, and the state commissioner of higher education; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 6-09-53, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15-10-17, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49, subsection 1 of section 15-10-75, subsection 1 of the new section to chapter 15-10, as created by section 1 of House Bill No. 1437, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, paragraph 3 of subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-02, subsection 2 of section 15-18.2-03, subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-05, section 15-54.1-04, subsection 1 of section 15-62.4-01, subsection 2 of section 15-62.5-03, and section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the state board of higher education, the economic diversification research fund, matching grants for the advancement of academics, the workforce education innovation program, academic tenure policy at institutions of higher education, state aid for institutions of higher education, university system capital building funds, student financial assistance grants, the scholars program, and the cancellation of unexpended appropriations; to amend and reenact sections 6 and 7 of chapter 126 of the 2021 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund and the skilled workforce scholarship fund; to amend and reenact sections 7, 8, and 9 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund, the skilled workforce scholarship fund, and to the state board of higher education for dual-credit tuition scholarships; to amend and reenact subsection 17 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws, relating to funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy; to repeal section 15-10-74 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the naming of the Bismarck state college polytechnic center; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to provide for a transfer; to provide for the conveyance of real property; to provide for a legislative management higher education funding review committee; to provide for a report; to provide legislative intent; to provide an exemption; to provide for application; 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 62 YEAS, 25 NAYS, 7 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Fegley; Finley-DeVile; Fisher; Foss; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Ista; Jonas; Karls; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Bolinske; Christianson; Dressler; Frelich; Heilman; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Koppelman; Maki; Morton; Motschenbacher; Nehring; Olson, S.; Osowski; Rios; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Berg; Brown, T.; Dockter; Henderson; Johnson, J.; Marschall; Martinson

Engrossed SB 2003, as amended, passed but the emergency clause failed.

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**MOTION**

**REP. O'BRIEN MOVED** that the House reconsider its action whereby Engrossed SB 2339, as amended, failed to pass.

**REQUEST**

**REP. DOCKTER REQUESTED** a recorded roll call vote, which request was granted.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the motion to reconsider the action whereby Engrossed SB 2339, as amended, failed to pass, the roll was called and there were 57 YEAS, 32 NAYS, 5 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bosch; Brandenburg; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hagert; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Jonas; Karls; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Bolinske; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Finley-DeVile; Foss; Frelich; Hager; Hanson; Heilman; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Koppelman; Maki; Morton; Nehring; Olson, S.; Osowski; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; VanWinkle; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Henderson; Johnson, J.; Marschall

The motion prevailed on a recorded roll call vote.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2339:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 49 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to strict liability and a wildfire mitigation plan of a qualified utility; and to provide for a 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 62 YEAS, 28 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch;

Brandenburg; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Jonas; Karls; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Maki; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Bahl; Brown, C.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Finley-DeVile; Frelich; Hager; Hanson; Heilman; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Koppelman; Louser; Morton; Nehring; Olson, S.; Osowski; Rios; Ruby, M.; Schneider; VanWinkle; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Brown, T.; Henderson; Johnson, J.; Marschall

Engrossed SB 2339, as amended, passed.

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## SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2156:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 16.1-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign disclosure statements; to amend and reenact sections 15.1-09-08, 15.1-09-19, 16.1-01-12, and 16.1-10-04.1, and subdivision f of subsection 8 of section 51-28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign disclosure statements; to repeal chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign disclosure statements; to provide a penalty; to provide for application; and to provide an effective date.

## 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 85 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Finley-DeVile; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Fisher; Maki; Morton; Porter; Schatz

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Brown, T.; Henderson; Johnson, J.; Marschall

Engrossed SB 2156, as amended, passed.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2156 ([25.0330.06011](#)), SB 2339 ([25.1247.02002](#)).

## 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 2003 ([25.0170.02027](#)).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1579.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1009 ([25.0153.02008](#)), HB 1298 ([25.0496.01003](#)).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HCR 3037.

**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 1448 and HB 1524, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**HB 1448:** Reps. Warrey; Nathe; Ostlie

**HB 1524:** Reps. Monson; Pyle; Hagert

**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 1010:** Sens. Sickler; Dwyer; Burckhard

**HB 1013:** Sens. Schaible; Sorvaag; Conley

**HB 1199:** Sens. Axtman; Larson; Powers

**HB 1214:** Sens. Schaible; Conley; Meyer

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2021, SB 2025, SB 2086, SB 2267, and SB 2327.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2224 and SB 2370, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

**SB 2224:** Sens. Myrdal; Larson; Luick

**SB 2370:** Sens. Lee; Roers; Hogan

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has appointed Sen. Davison to replace Sen. Cleary on the Conference Committee on SB 2010.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: HB 1004, HB 1166, HB 1351, HB 1386, HB 1489.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: 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:** The President has signed: 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.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on April 18, 2025: HB 1004, HB 1166, HB 1351, HB 1386, HB 1489.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Monday, April 21, 2025, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
HB 1169**

Your conference committee (Sens. Myrdal, Lemm, Marcellais and Reps. C. Brown, Vetter, Satrom) recommends the **HOUSE ACCEPT** the Senate amendments ([25.0410.02003](#)) to HB 1169.

HB 1169 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

The House stood adjourned pursuant to Representative Bosch's motion.

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**