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**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly**

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**Bismarck, May 6, 2003**

The Senate convened at 9:00 a.m., with President Dalrymple presiding.

The prayer was offered by Senator Flakoll.

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

A quorum was declared by the President.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2422: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2422 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2422:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the presentation of emergency request petitions to the emergency commission; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-16-00.1 and sections 54-16-03, 54-16-04, 54-16-04.1, 54-16-04.2, 54-16-09, and 54-16-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to procedures employed by the emergency commission and approvals by the budget section; to repeal sections 54-16-10 and 54-16-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to departmental emergency funds; and to provide an effective date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 46 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Andrist; Bercier; Bowman; Brown; Christenson; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Espegard; Every; Fairfield; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern; Mutch; Nelson; Nething; Nichols; O'Connell; Polovitz; Robinson; Schobinger; Seymour; Stenehjerm; Syverson; Taylor; Thane; Tollefson; Traynor; Trenbeath; Urlacher; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Tallackson

SB 2422 passed and the title was agreed to.

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**MOTION**

**SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED** that SB 2422 be messaged to the House immediately, which motion prevailed.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (TIMOTHY W. WOOD, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2422.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BRADLEY C. FAY, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1505.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BRADLEY C. FAY, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1506.

**MOTION**

**SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED** that the Senate stand in recess until 11:00 a.m., which motion prevailed.

**THE SENATE RECONVENED** pursuant to recess taken, with President Dalrymple presiding.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2423: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2423 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 22, replace "may" with "shall"

Page 2, line 6, remove "primarily"

Page 2, line 7, after "positions" insert "and supplemented, if necessary, from accumulated savings from other vacant full-time equivalent positions"

Page 2, line 9, replace "July 1, 2003" with "January 1, 2004", replace "August 2003" with "February 2004", and remove "primarily"

Page 2, line 12, after the period insert "At least seventy percent of the funding for the increases provided must be from pooled savings as provided in section 2 of this Act."

Page 2, line 13, replace "July 1, 2003" with "January 1, 2004"

Page 2, line 14, replace "August 2003" with "February 2004" and remove "primarily"

Page 2, line 16, after the period insert "At least seventy percent of the funding for the increases provided must be from pooled savings as provided in section 2 of this Act."

Page 2, line 18, replace "July 1, 2004" with "January 1, 2005", replace "August 2004" with "February 2005", and remove "primarily"

Page 2, line 21, after the period insert "At least seventy percent of the funding for the increases provided must be from pooled savings as provided in section 2 of this Act."

Page 2, line 22, replace "July 1, 2004" with "January 1, 2005"

Page 2, line 23, replace "August 2004" with "February 2005" and remove "primarily"

Page 2, line 25, after the period insert "At least seventy percent of the funding for the increases provided must be from pooled savings as provided in section 2 of this Act."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Dept. 110 - Office of Management and Budget - Senate Action**

This amendment requires the Office of Management and Budget to establish state employee compensation pools, changes the dates for state employee salary increases from July 1, 2003, to January 1, 2004, for the up to 1 percent increase and from July 1, 2004, to January 1, 2005, for the up to 2 percent increase, and provides that at least 70 percent of the funding for the increases must be provided from the pooled savings resulting from reductions in FTE positions.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS**

**SB 2423: SEN. HOLMBERG (Appropriations Committee) MOVED** that the amendments be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2423:** A BILL for an Act to provide legislative intent regarding state employee reductions; to provide for a report to the budget section; to provide for state employee compensation increases; and to provide an effective date.

**MOTION**

**SEN. MATHERN MOVED** that Engrossed SB 2423 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide legislative intent regarding state employee reductions; to provide for a report to the budget section; to provide an appropriation for state employee compensation increases; and to provide an effective date."

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATE EMPLOYEE REDUCTIONS - BUDGET SECTION REPORT.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the number of full-time equivalent state employees be reduced by employee retirements, employee turnover, and vacant employee positions during the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005. Agencies shall report employee positions eliminated and projected salary and wages and fringe benefit savings for the remainder of the 2003-05 biennium to the office of management and budget. The office of management and budget shall provide periodic reports on the employee positions eliminated by agencies and reported agency budgetary savings to the budget section of the legislative council.

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION - JANUARY 1, 2004.** The sums hereinafter listed, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated from the general fund and from special funds or moneys derived from federal funds or other income in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, as indicated to the agencies and institutions of state government for the purpose of providing compensation adjustments to employees of the various agencies and institutions in accordance with section 3 of this Act for the period beginning January 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

AGENCY OR INSTITUTION	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Governor	\$9,990		\$9,990
Secretary of state	15,302		15,302
Office of management and budget	77,083	\$18,670	95,753
Information technology department	8,902	140,880	149,782
State auditor	20,598	10,005	30,603
State treasurer	3,531		3,531
Attorney general	88,800	12,402	101,202
Tax commissioner	80,632		80,632
Administrative hearings office		4,708	4,708
Legislative council	19,364		19,364
Judicial branch	170,553	1,224	171,777
Retirement and investment office		9,986	9,986
Public employees retirement system		17,647	17,647
Department of public instruction	18,159	38,279	56,438
University system office	11,706		11,706
Board of university and school lands		10,595	10,595
Forest service	11,247		11,247
State library	16,496	589	17,085
School for the deaf	33,373		33,373
Vision services - school for the blind	14,567	2,650	17,217
Board for career and technical education	16,702	536	17,238
State department of health	63,274	121,949	185,223
Veterans' home	46,104	14,760	60,864
Indian affairs commission	1,766		1,766
Department of veterans' affairs	3,541	590	4,131
Children's services coordinating committee		589	589
Department of human services	832,841	429,485	1,262,326
Protection and advocacy project	6,871	8,435	15,306
Job service North Dakota	554	222,121	222,675
Insurance commissioner		27,663	27,663
Industrial commission	31,174	3,532	34,706
Labor commissioner	4,461	1,424	5,885
Public service commission	16,075	8,054	24,129
Aeronautics commission		3,531	3,531
Department of financial institutions		15,305	15,305
Securities commissioner	4,708		4,708
Bank of North Dakota		108,267	108,267
Housing finance agency		24,718	24,718
Workers compensation bureau		135,901	135,901
Highway patrol	75,506	34,335	109,841
Division of emergency management	4,561	7,210	11,771
Department of corrections	396,630	34,139	430,769

and rehabilitation			
Adjutant general	24,556	57,592	82,148
Department of commerce	24,723	8,785	33,508
Agriculture commissioner	17,189	16,955	34,144
Seed department		16,489	16,489
Upper great plains transportation institute	996	17,947	18,943
Branch research centers	49,863	12,493	62,356
NDSU extension service	121,896	91,308	213,204
Northern crops institute	2,560	2,755	5,315
Main research station	174,657	106,378	281,035
Agronomy seed farm		1,772	1,772
State historical society	34,137		34,137
Council on the arts	2,943		2,943
Game and fish department		81,804	81,804
Parks and recreation department	25,306	1,783	27,089
Water commission	49,230	795	50,025
Department of transportation		<u>616,753</u>	<u>616,753</u>
Total	\$2,633,127	\$2,503,788	\$5,136,915

**SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS - GUIDELINES.** It is the intent of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly that 2003-05 compensation adjustments for permanent state employees are to be increases of \$28 per month, beginning with the month of January 2004, to be paid in February 2004.

Employees whose documented performance levels do not meet standards are not eligible for the general increases.

Probationary employees are not entitled to the general increases. However, probationary employees may be given all or a portion of the increases upon completion of probation, at the discretion of the appointing authority.

During the biennium, no salary increase other than the \$28 per month increase in January 2004 may be given to an employee whose salary exceeds or would exceed the salary range maximum.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2003."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Dept. 110 - Office of Management and Budget**

This amendment provides funding for a \$28 per month state employee salary increase on January 1, 2004, and removes legislative intent language relating to state employee salary increases from pooled savings resulting from state employee FTE position reductions.

**REQUEST**

**SEN. KRAUTER REQUESTED** a recorded roll call vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2423, which request was granted.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2423, the roll was called and there were 19 YEAS, 27 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Bercier; Christenson; Espegard; Every; Fairfield; Heitkamp; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lindaas; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; Nichols; O'Connell; Polovitz; Robinson; Seymour; Taylor; Traynor

**NAYS:** Andrist; Bowman; Brown; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kilzer; Klein; Kringstad; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Mutch; Schobinger; Stenehjem; Syverson; Thane; Tollefson; Trenbeath; Urlacher; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Tallackson

The proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2423 failed.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 29 YEAS, 17 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Bowman; Brown; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Mutch; Nething; Schobinger; Stenehjem; Syverson; Thane; Tollefson; Traynor; Trenbeath; Urlacher; Wardner

**NAYS:** Andrist; Bercier; Christenson; Espegard; Every; Fairfield; Heitkamp; Krauter; Lindaas; Mathern; Nelson; Nichols; O'Connell; Polovitz; Robinson; Seymour; Taylor

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Tallackson

Engrossed SB 2423 passed and the title was agreed to.

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**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (TIMOTHY W. WOOD, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2423.

**MOTION**

**SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED** that the Senate stand in recess until 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

**THE SENATE RECONVENED** pursuant to recess taken, with President Dalrymple presiding.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2421: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2421 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 32, line 24, after "teachers" insert "and for the purpose of providing compensation to teachers who begin employment with the district on or after July 1, 2003"

Page 32, line 26, replace "level is at or above the average annual" with "is equal to or greater than forty-six thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars."

Page 32, remove lines 27 and 28

Page 33, after line 3, insert:

"5. If a school board determines that the impact of implementing this section will cause financial or administrative hardships or cause a disruption in the salary administration plan for all school district employees, the school board may, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, apply to the superintendent of public instruction for an exemption from this section. The superintendent of public instruction shall exempt the board of a school district from complying with the requirements of this section upon receiving notification from the school board that the board has, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, requested the exemption."

Page 33, line 17, after the second boldfaced period insert "Sections 1 through 6 and sections 8 through 41 of this Act become effective on July 1, 2003."

Renumber accordingly

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS**

**SB 2421: SEN. FREBORG (Education Committee) MOVED** that the amendments be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2421:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact four new sections to chapter 15.1-07, a new section to chapter 15.1-12, and a new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school district plans, reorganizations, ending balances, and joint powers agreements; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 15.1-09-36, section 15.1-21-02, subsection 6 of section 15.1-27-01, sections 15.1-27-04,

15.1-27-05, 15.1-27-06, and 15.1-27-07, subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-10, section 15.1-27-11, subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-19, subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-21, sections 15.1-27-34, 15.1-27-37, 15.1-27-39, and 15.1-29-01, subsection 4 of section 15.1-29-06, sections 15.1-29-13 and 15.1-29-14, subsection 1 of section 15.1-30-01, section 15.1-30-05, subsection 2 of section 15.1-30-15, and sections 15.1-31-05, 15.1-31-06, and 15.1-32-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to per student payments, weighting factors, transportation aid, teacher compensation, teacher compensation reimbursement, and high school units; to repeal sections 15.1-27-26, 15.1-27-27, 15.1-27-28, 15.1-27-29, 15.1-27-30, and 15.1-27-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state transportation aid payments; to provide for the distribution of transportation grants; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide for data envelopment analysis completion; to provide for No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 cost estimates; to provide for teacher compensation efforts; to provide for contingent payments; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

#### MOTION

**SEN. TAYLOR MOVED** that Engrossed SB 2421 be amended as follows:

Page 8, line 26, after the underscored semicolon insert "and"

Page 8, line 29, replace "; and" with an underscored period

Page 8, remove lines 30 and 31

Page 9, remove lines 1 and 2

Page 9, line 15, after the underscored semicolon insert "and"

Page 9, line 18, replace "; and" with an underscored period

Page 9, remove lines 19 through 22

Page 30, remove lines 29 through 31

Page 31, remove lines 1 through 3

Renumber accordingly

#### REQUEST

**SEN. TAYLOR REQUESTED** a recorded roll call vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2421, which request was granted.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2421, the roll was called and there were 14 YEAS, 32 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Bercier; Erbele; Every; Fairfield; Heitkamp; Klein; Krauter; Lindaas; Nichols; O'Connell; Polovitz; Robinson; Seymour; Taylor

**NAYS:** Andrist; Bowman; Brown; Christenson; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Espegard; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kilzer; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Mathern; Mutch; Nelson; Nething; Schobinger; Stenehjem; Syverson; Thane; Tollefson; Traynor; Trenbeath; Urlacher; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Tallackson

The proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2421 failed.

#### MOTION

**SEN. KRAUTER MOVED** that Engrossed SB 2421 be amended as follows:

Page 8, line 30, after the first "the" insert "district is a high school district and if the"

Page 9, line 19, after the first "the" insert "district is a high school district and if the"

Renumber accordingly

**REQUEST**

**SEN. KRAUTER REQUESTED** a recorded roll call vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2421, which request was granted.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2421, the roll was called and there were 15 YEAS, 31 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Bercier; Bowman; Erbele; Every; Fairfield; Heitkamp; Klein; Krauter; Lindaas; Mathern; Nichols; O'Connell; Polovitz; Robinson; Taylor

**NAYS:** Andrist; Brown; Christenson; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Espegard; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kilzer; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Mutch; Nelson; Nething; Schobinger; Seymour; Stenehjem; Syverson; Thane; Tollefson; Traynor; Trenbeath; Urlacher; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Tallackson

The proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2421 failed.

**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, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Andrist; Brown; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Espegard; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kilzer; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Mutch; Nething; Schobinger; Seymour; Stenehjem; Syverson; Thane; Tollefson; Traynor; Trenbeath; Urlacher; Wardner

**NAYS:** Bercier; Bowman; Christenson; Every; Fairfield; Heitkamp; Klein; Krauter; Lindaas; Mathern; Nelson; Nichols; O'Connell; Polovitz; Robinson; Taylor

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Tallackson

Engrossed SB 2421 passed and the title was agreed to.

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**MOTION**

**SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED** that SB 2421 be messaged to the House immediately, which motion prevailed.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (TIMOTHY W. WOOD, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2421.

**MOTION**

**SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED** that the Senate stand in recess until 4:00 p.m., which motion prevailed.

**THE SENATE RECONVENED** pursuant to recess taken, with President Dalrymple presiding.

**REPORT OF DELAYED BILLS COMMITTEE**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your **Delayed Bills Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman)** has cast a vote of 2 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING in favor of accepting the introduction of a bill for an Act to provide for collection and review of information on economic development incentives provided by the state and political subdivisions and job quality and accountability standards; to amend and reenact subdivision www of subsection 1 of section 41-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing that an employee of a person receiving development assistance is a secured party; and to provide an effective date.

Therefore, the bill was rejected.

**REPORT OF DELAYED BILLS COMMITTEE**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your **Delayed Bills Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman)** has cast a vote of 2 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING in favor of accepting the introduction of a bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-39-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exclusion of terrorism coverage from a commercial property insurance policy form; and to provide an effective date.

Therefore, the bill was rejected.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BRADLEY C. FAY, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1507.

**MOTION**

**SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED** that the Senate be on the Fifth, Ninth, Thirteenth, and Fifteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2003, which motion prevailed.

**FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 1505:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the information technology department, the judicial branch, and the legislative council; to authorize the industrial commission to issue and sell evidences of indebtedness for connectND; to provide for the purchase of information technology equipment and software; to provide for the transfer of state agency information technology employees; to provide for reports to the budget section; to provide for a legislative council study; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-10, a new section to chapter 54-35, two new sections to chapter 54-59, and a new subsection to section 54-59-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to information technology responsibilities of the state auditor, information technology committee responsibilities, information technology services, and information technology department powers and duties; to amend and reenact sections 54-59-02, 54-59-05, and 54-59-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to responsibilities of the information technology department and information technology standards; to repeal section 54-59-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to information technology reviews; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1506:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the incarceration of female inmates in grade one correctional facilities; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide an exemption to chapters 48-01.1 and 54-44.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public improvement contract bids and architect, engineer, and lands surveying services; to provide for a performance audit of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1507:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compensation and expense reimbursement of members of the legislative assembly; to provide an effective date; and to provide for retroactive application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1505, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1505 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 5, line 32, replace "2" with "1"

Page 11, line 19, after the first "the" insert "legislative and" and replace "branch" with "branches"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

This amendment amends Section 10 of the bill relating to the transfer of state agency information to change the number of employees to be transferred from the Tax Department from 2 to 1 and Section 16 of the bill relating to the required information technology services to include the legislative branch in the excluded entities.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1506: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1506 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1507, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1507 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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

**TIMOTHY W. WOOD, Secretary**

