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Bismarck, February 21, 2007

The House convened at 1:00 p.m., with Speaker Delzer presiding.

The prayer was offered by Chaplain David Vaughn, North Dakota State Penitentiary.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Drovdal, R. Kelsch, and Nottestad.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPEAKER DELZER DEEMED approval of the amendments to Engrossed SB 2108.

Engrossed SB 2108, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the calendar for the succeeding legislative day.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2127: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-19-01, 15-19-02, 15-19-03, 15-19-04, 15-19-06, and 15-19-08, subsection 11 of section 15-39.1-04, section 15.1-21-02.1, subsections 1 and 2 of section 15.1-23-17, and subsection 8 of section 54-59-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to renaming the division of independent study the center for distance education.

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 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Aarsvold; Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlisle; Carlson; Charging; Clark; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Dietrich; Dosch; Ekstrom; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Gulleon; Haas; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Herbel; Hofstad; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Monson; Mueller; Myxter; Nelson; Onstad; Owens; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Price; Ruby; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Solberg; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Delzer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Drovdal; Kelsch, R.; Nottestad; Thorpe

SB 2127 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2140: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to raffle prizes; and to declare an emergency.

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 14 YEAS, 76 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Aarsvold; Boehning; Dahl; Dosch; Ekstrom; Hawken; Johnson, N.; Keiser; Kelsh, S.; Meier, L.; Nelson; Owens; Porter; Schneider

NAYS: Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlisle; Carlson; Charging; Clark; Conrad; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Dietrich; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Gulleon; Haas; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heller; Herbel; Hofstad; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber;

Martinson; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Monson; Mueller; Myxter; Onstad; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Potter; Price; Ruby; Schmidt; Skarphol; Solberg; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Delzer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Drovdal; Kelsch, R.; Nottestad; Thorpe

SB 2140 lost.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2167: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-32-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensure requirements of assisted living facilities; and to declare an emergency.

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 89 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 5 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Aarsvold; Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlisle; Carlson; Charging; Clark; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Dietrich; Dosch; Ekstrom; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Gulleon; Haas; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Herbel; Hofstad; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Monson; Mueller; Myxter; Nelson; Onstad; Owens; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Price; Ruby; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Solberg; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Wolf; Zaiser; Speaker Delzer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Drovdal; Kelsch, R.; Nottestad; Thorpe; Wrangham

Engrossed SB 2167 passed, the title was agreed to, and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2035: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 5 of section 52-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to determination of unemployment insurance tax rates.

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 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Aarsvold; Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlisle; Carlson; Charging; Clark; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Dietrich; Dosch; Ekstrom; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Gulleon; Haas; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Herbel; Hofstad; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Monson; Mueller; Myxter; Nelson; Onstad; Owens; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Price; Ruby; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Solberg; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Delzer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Drovdal; Kelsch, R.; Nottestad; Thorpe

SB 2035 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2068: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.4-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishment of a geropsychiatric unit within a nursing home; and to declare an emergency.

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 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Aarsvold; Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlisle; Carlson; Charging; Clark; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Dietrich; Dosch; Ekstrom; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Gulleon; Haas; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Herbel; Hofstad; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Monson; Mueller; Myxter; Nelson; Onstad; Owens; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Price; Ruby; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Solberg; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Delzer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Drovdal; Kelsch, R.; Nottestad; Thorpe

SB 2068 passed, the title was agreed to, and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2069: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 59-29-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to determination of self-employment income for eligibility for the children's health insurance program.

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 89 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 5 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Aarsvold; Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlisle; Carlson; Charging; Clark; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Dietrich; Dosch; Ekstrom; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Gulleon; Haas; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Herbel; Hofstad; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Monson; Mueller; Myxter; Nelson; Onstad; Owens; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Price; Ruby; Schmidt; Schneider; Solberg; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Delzer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Drovdal; Kelsch, R.; Nottestad; Skarphol; Thorpe

SB 2069 passed and the title was agreed to.

MOTION

REP. MONSON MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Honorable Byron Dorgan, United States Senator to the podium, which motion prevailed. Speaker Delzer appointed Rep. Dietrich and Rep. Kroeber to the escort committee.

REMARKS OF SENATOR BYRON DORGAN

Two days ago, I was in Albuquerque, New Mexico touring some National Laboratories in Los Alamos and Sandia. I want to share a few things I learned at the National Laboratories, just to describe what is happening in science and technology.

Ten years ago, they created something called a computer that performed a teraflop. A teraflop is an advanced computer that will perform one trillion functions in one second. This was done in 1997. It took 2400 square feet to house the computers that could do this and a half a megawatt to power it. Presently, ten years later, the National Laboratory has produced a computer that functions at a teraflop and it is the size of a dime and uses energy equivalent to a 60 watt light bulb. It's unbelievable how science is progressing.

I was at another laboratory that was studying termites. They are finding that termites, in their digestive system produce two things when they eat wood: methane and hydrogen. Scientists are studying the bacteria in the digestive systems of termites to determine how wood can be turned into hydrogen.

They have also produced engines so small that you cannot see them with the human eye. There are so many changes going on in technology and the sciences.

Here in North Dakota, we are working to be a part of that. It was 2002 that I called together the university presidents in North Dakota with the Governor and I suggested that we create something called the Red River Valley Research Corridor. From that time 2002, until now, I have added over \$300 million in Federal Funds to be involved in nanotechnology, micro technology, bio-science, deep brain research, hydrogen technology, and other things to give us a whole series of things that gives us opportunities we've never before had.

We've added \$750 million in added value in the last five years in several thousand jobs. This is just the start: the concept of a Red River Valley Research Corridor, using two significant engines of opportunity. There is no limit to what we can do here in the Northern Great Plains. Yes, we are an agriculture state, but we can be so much more.

The second piece of this is the issue of energy. I've also included some funding for the creation of an Energy Corridor and a coordinating office. There is no where in America where there is a greater diverse opportunity to provide different kinds of energy for a hungry world than North Dakota. We have all of the fossil fuels: coal, oil, natural gas. We have # 1 potential in all of the states in wind energy, we are involved in all the other forms of renewable energy: ethanol and bio-diesel. No one has greater opportunity than we do.

You know about the Bakken Shale deposits, we don't know how much recoverable oil is there. In a year to a year and a half, they geologists will know how much recoverable oil there is. If it is what some think it is - it will have a dramatic impact on North Dakota in the future.

We ought to create an Energy Corridor, which I have tried to do with some legislation I have introduced; a Research Corridor and Energy Corridor to capture beyond agriculture things that represent great opportunities for our state's future. Those are ideas that I think make a lot of sense for all of us.

I know you are interested in the energy issues: oil is important, coal is very important. We need to find ways to continue to use our lignite coal dealing with the issue of climate change and we will, I believe technology will allow us to have a zero emission coal fire generating plant - and that will happen in the not too many years in the distant future. That's the only way to unlock the opportunities.

The renewables are also important. Let me tell you the difference of what this country has done. In 1916, we put in place permanent robust incentives in our tax code for oil, and they have stayed there ever since. In 1992 we put in place some production tax credits for renewable energy, we've extended them short term five times, we let them expire three times. That's pathetic, that's not a commitment. Let's make the same kind of commitment that we made to fossil fuels. We can do much better.

I have a great experiment going in North Dakota that I funded through an ear mark. We are using wind energy and a wind turbine to take energy from the wind, produce electricity, use electricity to separate hydrogen from water through the process of electrolysis and store the hydrogen for vehicle use. You are taking intermittent power from the air in a wind turbine and producing hydrogen for vehicle use. That is a really exciting opportunity, and it's just a start.

I want to mention one thing to you about renewable fuels. We use 145 billion gallons of fuel a year in this country. If we blend every single gallon with 10% ethanol, that's 14 billion gallons of ethanol. The President says let's go to 35 billion gallons, some say let's go higher. You can't have a market for that unless you are putting much higher blends in the gas tanks: E-85, 30-40-50% blend pumps. We have 15 thousand flex fuel vehicles in North Dakota that can run on E-85 and there are only 24 gasoline pumps where you can get E-85 in your tank. We need to figure out a way to connect all of this, find out a way to transport the ethanol we are going to produce to where it's needed. We need to find a way to do that or we are going to have a problem with production dropping off the shelf with respect to inventory that won't be cleared from the market.

There is a lot to be hopeful for. Energy is a big deal. I hope we can work together to create this Energy Corridor which I am working on and continue the Red River Valley Research Corridor to add two dimensions to our agriculture economy that can dramatically change our state's future.

One word about agriculture, this is the year in which we write the new farm bill. It has great impact for our state. The last opportunity to provide disaster relief is going to come in the next few weeks when the President sends us a \$100 billion emergency supplemental funding

request, mostly for Iraq. When he does that I am going to offer disaster aid once again to the Senate Appropriations process. I've done it twice before and succeeded twice before, gotten it through the Senate and then it's gotten blocked. I am going to do it again, it will probably be the last chance, but I think you know from all of your constituents and I certainly know due to the epicenter of drought in the south central part of North Dakota and South Dakota and we had people that lost everything, and the fact is that we ought to help them. We go all the way around the world and say let us help you if you have trouble, let's make sure we help people here at home first.

Let me make an additional point: water issues. We are all going to work a lot on water issues, 90% of the surface water in North Dakota is Missouri river water and we need to try to find ways to address it.

Let me finish by mentioning something that I should mention and that is Iraq. It casts a shadow over virtually everything else we do; it impacts virtually everything else that is happening. Our involvement in Iraq is an involvement for which none of us at this point have good answers. The fact is we are there; there are men and women who have answered their call, North Dakotans who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Families, soldiers-the fact is we honor their sacrifice, we honor their service. This is an unbelievably difficult set of circumstances.

Saddam Hussein has been executed. This is a man who butchered we think up to 400 thousand people. He's executed, he doesn't exist. The Iraqi people have voted for their own constitution, one they wrote. They voted for their new government, one they created. The question that remains with respect to Iraq is do they have the will to provide for their own security? The national intelligence estimate that came out several weeks ago now in unclassified form tells us that the strife that is occurring in Iraq is not about Al Qaeda and terrorism. The strife is against Shia and Sunni, Sunni against Shia, it is a Civil War. It does not make sense in the long term for this country to its soldiers in the middle and keep them in the middle of a Civil War. We must find a way to bring our soldiers home in a way that says to the Iraqi's "This is your country, not ours, this belongs to you not us. And what is left is for you to exhibit the will to take your country back."

General Abizaid came to congress two and a half months ago and he said in open testimony "I called all of my soldiers together and I asked them the question 'Do you need and do you want additional troops in Iraq?'" General Abizaid was the head of the entire command, he said "Everyone of my commanders said 'no', they said no because if we bring additional US Soldiers to Iraq it will send a signal to the Iraqis that they can do less because we will do more" It is exactly opposite of what is needed to be done.

Mr. Negroponte came to congress two and a half weeks ago to testify, he was then the head of intelligence, he has now moved to the state department. He said this in open testimony "The greatest terrorist threat to our country is Al Qaeda and its leadership and its network around the world. It exists in a secure hideaway in Pakistan." These are the people that boasted about murdering Americans on 9-11. It seems to me that if we have troops to serge 20-21 thousand people that we ought to serge them to find ways in Pakistan to eliminate the Al Qaeda leadership which we are told is the greatest terrorist threat to this country.

My hope and I know your prayer and my prayer is that we find a way to deal with these issues in a way that is honorable to bring our troops home.

Through it all, I know that you have great confidence in our future. You and I serve in public service, all of us run for elections, and we know how much fun it is to be out there on the campaign trail running for elections. We do that because we believe in the future of this state and this country.

Thomas Wolf said it in a book he wrote, "You Can't Go Home Again". He said that "The Americans are filled with an almost quenchless hope, an indestructible belief, a boundless optimism that something good is about to turn up, something good is about to happen. That is the peculiar quality of the American soul." And I'm sure that's the way you come to your desks here in the House in Bismarck North Dakota. It's the way I get up in the morning. It's to believe that something good is about to happen and we can help make it.

Thank you.

MOTION

REP. BOUCHER MOVED that the remarks of Senator Dorgan be printed in the journal, which motion prevailed.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (WILLIAM R. HORTON, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4010.

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

MR. PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SCR 4010.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (WILLIAM R. HORTON, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: HB 1454.

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

MR. PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1454.

MOTION

REP. MONSON MOVED that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

REP. MONSON MOVED that the House be on the Fifth and Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 2007, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2025: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2025 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2082: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2082 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2083: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 1 NAY, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2083 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2085: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2085 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2088: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2088 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2097: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2097 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2113: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2113 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2120: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2120 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2130: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2130 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2132, as reengrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed SB 2132 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2133, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2133 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2170: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2170 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2175: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2175 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3048: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3048 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3056: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3056 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3057: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (11 YEAS, NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3057 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 2003: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general; to provide an exemption; to provide for crime laboratory building project carryover authority; and to amend section 54-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the attorney general.

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

SB 2008: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service commission; and to amend and reenact section 49-01-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of public service commissioners.

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

SB 2009: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the agriculture commissioner; to amend and reenact sections 4-01-21 and 19-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the agriculture commissioner and pesticide registration fees; to provide for transfers; to provide for legislative intent; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2012: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of human services; to provide statements of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative council report; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide for transfers; to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 and chapter 23-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to programs for children with special health care needs; to amend and reenact sections 25-17-02, 25-17-03, 26.1-45-13, 50-06-01.2, and 50-06-01.4, subsection 6 of section 50-06.2-02, subsection 5 of section 50-06.2-03, subsection 3 of section 50-06.2-04, sections 50-06.2-06 and 50-24.4-15, subsection 4 of section 50-24.5-02, and subsection 2 of section 50-24.5-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to rulemaking and to the provision of medical food for individuals with metabolic disorders, the structure of the department of human services, qualified service providers, and to nursing home property-related costs; to repeal chapter 50-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to aid to crippled children; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2013: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of public instruction, the school for the deaf, North Dakota vision services - school for the blind, and the state library; to provide for the distribution of special education payments; to provide for transfers; to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-02

and subsection 5 of section 15.1-27-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the superintendent of public instruction and per student payments for kindergarten students; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2015: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions under the supervision of the director of the office of management and budget; and to provide an exemption.

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

SB 2016: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the adjutant general; to provide for a transfer; and to amend and reenact section 6 of chapter 17 of the 2005 Session Laws, relating to the payment of adjusted compensation to veterans.

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

SB 2017: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2018: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state historical society.

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

SB 2019: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department and the International Peace Garden; to provide contingent appropriations for the international music camp and marina construction; to provide for a transfer; to amend and reenact section 54-44.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state procurement; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2020: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state water commission; to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funding for Grand Forks flood control; to provide a line of credit; and to provide an appropriation for repayment of the line of credit.

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

SB 2021: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and insurance; to provide an appropriation for the labor commissioner; to provide legislative intent; and to provide for a report.

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

SB 2032: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for school district property tax relief; to create and enact sections 57-01-20 and 57-15-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of school district property tax relief funds and general fund levy limitations of school districts; to amend and reenact sections 57-15-01.1, 57-15-14, 57-15-31, 57-20-07.1, and 57-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school district general fund levy limitations and contents of property tax statements; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative council study; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2057: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-13-01 and section 15.1-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of the profession of teaching and national board for professional teaching standards certification; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for a report to the legislative council.

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

SB 2070: A BILL for an Act to provide for application by the department of human services for federal funds for the implementation of an aging and disability resource center; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2103: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the cost of forensic medical examinations for alleged victims of sexual assault; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2115: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-01-04, 37-07.2-01, 37-28-01, 37-28-02, and 37-28-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the governor's authority to call out the national guard for training, national guard tuition grants, the definition of resident for military adjusted compensation, and the time period for filing claims; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

SB 2121: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 14-02.4-02, subsection 5 of section 14-02.5-01, subsection 4 of section 34-01-20, sections 34-05-01.1 and 34-05-01.2, subsection 8 of section 34-05-01.3, and sections 34-07-05, 34-14-11, 34-14-12, and 34-14-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a name change from the department of labor to the department of labor and human rights.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

SB 2129: A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsection 7 to section 12.1-37-01, sections 14-09-08.22 and 14-09-09.36, subsection 10 to section 14-09-25, and section 50-09-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child support enforcement; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 14-09-08.1, subsection 3 of section 14-09-08.2, sections 14-09-08.17, 14-09-09, 14-09-09.31, and 14-09-09.33, subsection 2 of section 50-09-02.1, paragraph 2 of subdivision g of subsection 1 of section 50-09-08.2, section 50-09-08.3, subsection 6 of section 50-09-08.6, and subsection 4 of section 50-09-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child support enforcement; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2136: A BILL for an Act to provide for an agreement between the department of human services and the department of corrections and rehabilitation; and to provide for the department of human services to report to the legislative council regarding individuals committed to the department's care.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2141: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-39.2-04.2 and 57-40.2-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for materials used to construct a waste heat electric generation facility; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2149: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-11.1-03 and 40-57.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to powers of job development authorities to take equity positions; and to provide for a legislative council study.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

SB 2153: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 10-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registered agents; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 10-06.1-15, subsection 2 of section 10-06.1-17, subsection 2 of section 10-06.1-18, sections 10-15-12 and 10-15-13, subsection 2 of section 10-15-39, subsection 4 of section 10-15-51, subsection 4 of section 10-15-52.4, sections 10-15-52.6 and 10-15-54, subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-10, sections 10-19.1-15 and 10-19.1-16, subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-103, subsection 5 of section 10-19.1-104.6, subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-118, sections 10-19.1-129 and 10-19.1-135, subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-136, section 10-19.1-138, subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-140, sections 10-19.1-141, 10-19.1-145, 10-19.1-146, and 10-19.1-147, subsection 1 of section 10-32-07, sections 10-32-12 and 10-32-13, subsection 4 of section 10-32-107, subsection 5 of section 10-32-108.6, subsection 1 of section 10-32-122, sections 10-32-132 and 10-32-138, subsection 2 of section 10-32-139, section 10-32-141, subsection 1 of section 10-32-143, sections 10-32-144, 10-32-148, 10-32-149, and 10-32-150, subsection 1 of section 10-33-06, sections 10-33-12 and 10-33-13, subsection 4 of section 10-33-92, subsection 1 of section 10-33-107, sections 10-33-120 and 10-33-128, subsection 2 of section 10-33-129, section 10-33-131, subsection 1 of section 10-33-133, sections 10-33-134, 10-33-138, and 10-33-139, subsection 1 of section 10-33-140, sections 10-34-04, 10-34-06, 10-34-09, 45-10.2-17, and 45-10.2-18, subsection 1 of section 45-10.2-23, section 45-10.2-79, subsection 2 of section 45-10.2-80, sections 45-10.2-82, 45-10.2-87, 45-10.2-107, 45-10.2-108, and 45-10.2-109, subsection 1 of section 45-15-03, sections 45-15-03.1 and 45-15-03.2, subsection 5 of section 45-21-04.2, subsection 2 of section 45-21-06, subsection 3 of section 45-22-03, sections 45-22-11 and 45-22-12, subsection 2 of section 45-22-13, sections 45-22-16, 45-22-17, and 45-22-21.1, subsection 1 of section 45-22-22, section 45-23-08, subsection 8 of section 54-09-04, and section 54-09-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to farm corporations and farm limited liability companies,

cooperative associations, business corporations, limited liability companies, nonprofit corporations, real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability limited partnerships, and the secretary of state; to repeal section 10-15-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to cooperative associations; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2161: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of the feasibility and desirability of implementing a system of computerized registration sites for criminal offenders.

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

SB 2178: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to apportionment of oil and gas gross production tax revenues; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2179: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for the mitigation of crop damage by blackbirds.

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

SB 2180: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 6-09.17-01, 6-09.17-02, 6-09.17-03, and 6-09.17-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the biofuel partnership in assisting community expansion fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2183: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 18-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing a firefighters death benefit fund; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 26.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing a firefighters death benefit fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

SB 2186: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to early childhood care workforce development and department of human services establishment of a quality improvement rating system for early childhood care facilities and program and business technical assistance for early childhood care providers; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2187: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for providing funding to emergency shelter programs and for providing funding for planning administrative costs associated with the housing and urban development's continuum of care homeless assistance program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2188: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to railroad accident reports; and to provide for a legislative council study of risk assessments and railroad safety.

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

SB 2191: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the adjutant general for maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories through matching grants; and to provide for a report to the budget section.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2200: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-22, seven new sections to chapter 15.1-27, a new section to chapter 15.1-36, and two new sections to chapter 15.1-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of state aid to school districts; to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-09, subsection 6 of section 15.1-07-28, and sections 15.1-23-19, 15.1-27-01, 15.1-27-02, 15.1-27-04, 15.1-27-08, 15.1-27-09, 15.1-27-10, 15.1-27-11, 15.1-27-15, 15.1-27-16, 15.1-27-17, 15.1-27-18, 15.1-27-19, 15.1-27-20, 15.1-27-35, 15.1-28-03, 15.1-29-01, 15.1-29-02, 15.1-29-12, 15.1-29-14, 15.1-29-15, 15.1-31-03, 15.1-31-04, 15.1-31-07, 15.1-32-08, 15.1-32-14, 15.1-32-15, 15.1-32-16, 15.1-32-18, 15.1-33-02, 15.1-36-02, and 57-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of state aid to school districts; to repeal sections 15.1-09-46, 15.1-27-05, 15.1-27-06, 15.1-27-07, 15.1-27-12, 15.1-27-14, 15.1-27-21, and 15.1-27-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the school district census, the school district equalization factor, weighting factors, supplemental payments, additional per student payments, and property valuations; to

provide for a commission on education improvement; to provide for teacher compensation increases; to provide for future determinations of average daily membership; to provide for contingent payments; to provide for a contingent transfer; to provide for reports to the legislative council; to provide appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2202: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 57-39.2-26.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of sales and use tax collections by retailers registered with the streamlined sales tax central registration system to the North Dakota taxpayer relief fund; to amend and reenact section 57-39.2-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of sales and use tax revenues; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2205: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to employment of special assistant attorneys general; to amend and reenact sections 14-09-09.10 and 35-34-01, subsection 3 of section 50-01.2-00.1, sections 50-03-10 and 50-09-01, subsection 16 of section 50-09-02, and sections 50-09-03, 50-09-08, 50-09-33, 50-24.1-03.1, and 50-24.1-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state administration of the child support enforcement program; to repeal section 50-09-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administration of child support enforcement activities; to provide for a transfer of employees and equipment; to provide for payment and transfer of unused leave; to provide for a transfer of budgeted funds and unexpended child support incentive funds; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2206: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 36-09-17, 36-09-20, 36-09-20.1, 36-09-22, and 36-09-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to penalties imposed for violation of brand laws.

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

SB 2215: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 and a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax credit for dependent care expenses; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2217: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-01-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abstractor fees; and to provide for a legislative council study.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2221: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 28-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the effect of bankruptcy on a judgment lien; to amend and reenact section 47-18-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to declaration of a homestead; and to repeal sections 28-20-30, 28-20-31, and 28-20-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to cancellation of judgment against bankrupts, service in bankruptcy proceedings, and affidavits in bankruptcy proceedings.

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

SB 2222: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 28-24-01, 28-24-02, 28-24-03, 28-24-04, 28-24-05, 28-24-06, 28-24-07, 28-24-10, 28-24-13, and 28-24-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to redemption of property.

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

SB 2224: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 and chapter 57-38.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an angel fund investment income tax credit; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2225: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 10 of section 53-06.1-01, subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-12, subsections 15, 16, and 17 of section 57-39.2-01, section 57-39.2-02.1, and subsections 5, 6, and 7 of section 57-40.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the excise tax upon gross proceeds of licensed gaming organizations for pull tabs and bingo cards and elimination of sales and use taxes for bingo cards; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2228: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notification of alleged pesticide damage; to repeal

sections 4-35-21, 4-35-21.1, and 4-35-21.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reports of loss resulting from pesticide application; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2239: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-13-17 and sections 16.1-13-22 and 16.1-13-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to general election provisions.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

SB 2243: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of corrections and rehabilitation to provide funding for community service supervision grants.

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

SB 2245: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 and a new subsection to section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax credit for higher education costs; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2246: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursement of lodging expenses and allowances for meals for state and political subdivision officers and employees.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

SB 2247: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 60-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of value added; and to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 60-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to roving grain buyers.

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

SB 2249: A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the state board for career and technical education for a higher education curriculum design and development and a workforce training grant program; and to provide for a report.

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

SB 2250: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to youth spring wild turkey hunting licenses.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2251: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a wild turkey hunting license raffle and auction.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2256: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sex offenders on school property; to amend and reenact subsection 14 of section 12.1-32-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sex offenders on school property; and to provide a penalty.

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

SB 2260: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24, a new section to chapter 19-03.1, a new section to chapter 43-12.1, a new subsection to section 43-15-10, a new section to chapter 43-23, a new subsection to section 43-28-06, and a new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks; to amend and reenact sections 12-60-16.5, 12-60-16.6, 12-60-24, 15.1-13-14, 32-28-02, 50-11-01, 50-11-02.4, 50-11-06.8, 50-11-06.9, 50-11.3-01, and 50-12-03.2, subsection 4 of section 53-06.2-05, and section 54-59-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2261: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to costs of investigation, prosecution or defense, and hearing; to amend and reenact section 5-02-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hearing of violations; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

SB 2271: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-33-01, 11-33.2-11, 40-47-04, 40-48-21, and 58-03-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring findings or statements upon which zoning requests and subdivision plat requests are disapproved.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2276: A BILL for an Act to provide duties of the governor's prevention and advisory council; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2277: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 28-23-01, 28-23-02, 28-23-04, 28-23-05, 28-23-06, 28-23-07, 28-23-09, 28-23-11, 28-23-12, 28-23-13, and 28-23-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sales under execution.

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

SB 2278: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-33, a new section to chapter 23-01, and a new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to county and township zoning regulation of concentrated animal feeding operations and a repository for zoning regulations.

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

SB 2284: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 28-22-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemption from process for proceeds of a wrongful death or personal bodily injury recovery; and to provide for a legislative council study.

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

SB 2285: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 35-30-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notification of debtor of agricultural processor's lien.

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

SB 2288: A BILL for an Act to provide for a biomass energy center; to create and enact a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an energy independence research council and development fund; to amend and reenact sections 4-14.1-09 and 39-04-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ethanol and renewable fuels incentives and distribution of motor vehicle registration fees; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2292: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-02-27 and subsection 4 of section 65-05-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the administration of the workforce safety and insurance's office of independent review to the department of labor; and to provide for transition.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

SB 2293: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 20.1-03-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges for active duty military members.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2299: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-27.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to city governing body authority to adopt a standard of valuation that recognizes the supply of vacant lots; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2302: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state department of health for providing grants to domestic violence sexual assault organizations.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2307: A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 28-21-03.1 and 28-21-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to general and summary execution of judgment; and to amend and reenact sections 28-21-01, 28-21-03, 28-21-04, 28-21-04.1, 28-21-05, 28-21-05.1, 28-21-06, 28-21-07, 28-21-08, 28-21-09, 28-21-10, 28-21-13, 28-21-17, 28-21-18, and 28-23-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to execution of judgment.

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

SB 2308: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-06.5-03 and 23-06.5-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to provisions of a health care directive.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2310: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative authority to accept and expend donations; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

- SB 2313:** A BILL for an Act to provide for state department of health grants to school districts for automated external defibrillators; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee.**
- SB 2314:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-04.2-03 and 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle registration fees and funding of public transportation; and to provide notice of fee increases.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee.**
- SB 2321:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-44.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorizing political subdivisions to request an exemption from coverage under the state merit system.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee.**
- SB 2323:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 19-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pesticide registration fees; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee.**
- SB 2324:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the homestead property tax credit; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee.**
- SB 2326:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance and other health coverage for families of children with disabilities; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee.**
- SB 2333:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-17-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a housing finance agency program to bridge the financing gap of new residential construction in rural communities; to provide for a report to the legislative council; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee.**
- SB 2335:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of expanding organic food production and processing in the state; and to require a report to the legislative assembly.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee.**
- SB 2338:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state board of animal health; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee.**
- SB 2339:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 9 of chapter 15 of the 2005 Session Laws, relating to Bank of North Dakota transfers to the general fund; and to declare an emergency.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee.**
- SB 2340:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 25-03.3-02, 25-03.3-03, 25-03.3-03.1, 25-03.3-04, 25-03.3-05, 25-03.3-06, 25-03.3-08, 25-03.3-09, 25-03.3-10, 25-03.3-13, 25-03.3-17, 25-03.3-18, 25-03.3-20, and 25-03.3-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the civil commitment of sexually dangerous individuals; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee.**
- SB 2341:** A BILL for an Act to provide a statement of legislative intent, legislative support, and legislative participation in the heritage center expansion project.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee.**
- SB 2342:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to timely processing of workers' compensation claims.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee.**
- SB 2345:** A BILL for an Act to authorize the state water commission to issue bonds for the Red River valley water supply project; and to amend and reenact section 61-02.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the water development trust fund.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee.**

- SB 2348:** A BILL for an Act relating to high school tournament site selections.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.
- SB 2349:** A BILL for an Act to provide for ownership and maintenance for the medal of honor monument; and to provide an appropriation for the medal of honor monument.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.
- SB 2353:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-01-40, 37-19.1-01, and 37-19.1-02 and subsection 1 of section 37-19.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to veterans and veterans' preferences.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.
- SB 2354:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to instruction in physical education.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.
- SB 2356:** A BILL for an Act to provide contingent appropriations to the Bank of North Dakota, the North Dakota university system, and the state water commission.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.
- SB 2360:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-10.13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonprofit organization number plates.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.
- SB 2363:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-38-01.21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an individual or corporate income tax credit for planned gifts to nonprofit organizations and contributions to qualified endowments held by nonprofit organizations; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.
- SB 2365:** A BILL for an Act relating to a legislative council study of grain inspection and grading procedures.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.
- SB 2368:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a choice-of-laws clause in an indemnification provision of a railroad right of way agreement.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.
- SB 2371:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of home education.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.
- SB 2377:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of the provision of obstetrical services by laypeople.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2379:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a nursing education consortium to conduct an assessment of the possible nursing student population and to establish a mobile clinical nursing simulation laboratory; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2382:** A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to the attorney general for the purpose of funding bureau of criminal investigation computerized investigations and examinations.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.
- SB 2384:** A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to the state department of health for the purpose of providing health care access grants to local public health units and community-based nonprofit organizations.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2385:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for a school district or nonpublic school nursing services grant program.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

SB 2388: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 28 of chapter 167 of the 2005 Session Laws, relating to the contingent distribution of state school aid payments; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2389: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-05-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation permanent impairment awards; and to provide for application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

SB 2392: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 40-05-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the imposition of fees by home rule cities for certain vehicle and traffic violations; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2397: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-51.1-02, 57-51.1-03, and 57-51.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to oil extraction tax rates, exemptions, and rate reductions; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2401: A BILL for an Act to provide school district transportation grants.

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

SB 2402: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to extension of the committee on tribal and state relations; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2404: A BILL for an Act to provide financial assistance to tribally controlled community colleges; and to provide an appropriation.

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

SB 2406: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 3 of section 39-12-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to overwidth travel permits.

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

SB 2417: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to employment verification for North Dakota employers; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

FIRST READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR 4015: A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to restore full funding to the Conservation Security Program, address and resolve problems in the administration of the program, and to compensate individual farmers for damages incurred which were caused by a lack of clarity in the general provisions of the program and how these provisions were communicated to participants.

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

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

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk