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Bismarck, January 9, 2009

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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Larue Goetz, Revival Prayer Fellowship, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Hawken and Koppelman.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

## SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1038:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-09-08.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to restrictions on an individual's operator's license for nonpayment of child support or failure to obey a subpoena.

#### **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 92 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlson; Clark; Conklin; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Delzer; Dosch; Drovdal; Ekstrom; Frantsvog; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heller; Hofstad; Holman; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsch, R.; Kelsh, J.; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kilichowski; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Mock; Mueller; Myxter; Nathe; Nelson; Nottestad; Onstad; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Ruby; Rust; Schatz; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Thorpe; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Winrich; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Monson

### ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Hawken; Koppelman

HB 1038 passed and the title was agreed to.

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## SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1130:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 54-27-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vehicle registrations for purposes of highway tax distribution fund allocations.

### **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 92 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlson; Clark; Conklin; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Delzer; Dosch; Drovdal; Ekstrom; Frantsvog; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heller; Hofstad; Holman; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsch, R.; Kelsh, J.; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kilichowski; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Mock; Mueller; Myxter; Nathe; Nelson; Nottestad; Onstad; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Ruby; Rust; Schatz; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Thorpe; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Winrich; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Monson

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Hawken; Koppelman

HB 1130 passed and the title was agreed to.

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## **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1131:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 57-40.3-01 and subsection 1 of section 57-40.3-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the motor vehicle excise tax definition of purchase price of a motor vehicle and the tax imposed on motor vehicle leases with nominal consideration; and to provide an effective date.

#### **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 92 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Amerman; Bellew; Belter; Berg; Boe; Boehning; Boucher; Brandenburg; Carlson; Clark; Conklin; Conrad; Dahl; Damschen; DeKrey; Delmore; Delzer; Dosch; Drovdal; Ekstrom; Frantsvog; Froelich; Froseth; Glassheim; Grande; Griffin; Gruchalla; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heller; Hofstad; Holman; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsch, R.; Kelsh, J.; Kelsh, S.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kilichowski; Kingsbury; Klein; Klemin; Kreidt; Kretschmar; Kroeber; Martinson; Meier, L.; Metcalf; Meyer, S.; Mock; Mueller; Myxter; Nathe; Nelson; Nottestad; Onstad; Pietsch; Pinkerton; Pollert; Porter; Potter; Ruby; Rust; Schatz; Schmidt; Schneider; Skarphol; Sukut; Svedjan; Thoreson; Thorpe; Uglem; Vig; Vigesaa; Wald; Wall; Weiler; Weisz; Wieland; Williams; Winrich; Wolf; Wrangham; Zaiser; Speaker Monson

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Hawken; Koppelman

HB 1131 passed and the title was agreed to.

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# SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

- **HCR 3005:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of adopting the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, including consideration of issues other states have addressed in considering the Act.
- HCR 3006: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of adopting the Uniform Debt-Management Services Act, including consideration of the most appropriate administrator of the law, how the Act would impact existing state laws, and what issues other states have addressed in enacting the Act.

The question being on the final adoption of the resolutions, which have been read.

HCR 3005 and HCR 3006 were declared adopted on a voice vote, and the titles were agreed to.

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### **RULES OF DECORUM**

- 1. No food is permitted on the floor of the House when the House is convened.
- 2. Flash photography and video camera taping are not permitted while the House is in Session. Members of the press are the only exception.
- 3. No one is permitted to sleep or rest in a prone position on the seats which line both sides of Memorial Hall between the House and Senate Chambers.
- 4. Every member must vote if they are in the House Chamber during a roll call vote.
- 5. When a roll call vote is taken, every member not at their seat shall call out their name and vote in a voice vote loud enough for the Speaker to hear. The majority and minority leader and their assistants are exempt from the provisions of this rule.
- During debate, members are to be attentive and quiet. Noise behind the rail shall be held to a minimum.
- No member shall have more than one guest seated with the member during floor debate. Each member has one guest pass. Guests are expected to be dressed in

- a neat and clean manner. The Sergeant-at-Arms has discretion to refuse guest seating.
- 8. No one is permitted to visit or lean over the back railing while the House is in session.
- 9. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall clear the floor of the House Chamber in front of the railing of all persons, except legislators, legislative employees, legislative guests, former members of the Legislative Assembly, and members of the press, during the time period commencing one hour before the House convenes on any legislative day until the House recesses for that calendar day.
- 10. Tour groups are not allowed at the front desk area.
- 11. Legislators and employees shall be suitably attired. Men must wear a sport coat and tie at all times when on the House floor. Women must wear suitable business attire.
- 12. When a legislator is speaking, the Sergeant-at-Arms will not allow guests to enter that section.
- 13. When the Speaker is putting the question, no member shall walk out or across the floor of the House.
- 14. When a member is speaking, no person shall pass between the person speaking and the chair.
- 15. A member desiring to speak shall turn on the speak light, rise and respectfully address the Speaker. The member shall remain in place before proceeding to speak until recognized by the chair. Members shall address each other through the Speaker and always in a respectful manner.
- 16. Visitors sitting in the lower tier of seats in the House balcony shall not touch, lean over, place objects on, or put their feet on the brass railings.
- 17. While the House is convened, no person shall read newspapers or other large publications in a conspicuous manner.
- 18. All persons shall wear identification badges while in the House Chamber or in the employ of the House.
- 19. All materials placed on desks must be authorized by a House member or individually addressed and mailed to each member.
- 20. House Rule 306: No member may speak more than twice on the same subject nor more than once until every member who wishes to speak has spoken. Exceptions to this rule are: the person carrying the bill, committee chair, floor leaders or bill sponsor.
- Cell phones <u>must</u> be turned <u>off/muted</u> while the House is in session. Taking
  pictures with a cell phone is prohibited if they are using a flash or are disruptive in
  any way.

**SPEAKER MONSON ANNOUNCED** that the Rules for Decorum in the House Chamber will be printed in the Journal.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (FRAN A. GRONBERG, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed and your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2045.

#### **MOTION**

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

#### **MOTION**

**REP. VIGESAA MOVED** that the House be on the Fifth and Ninth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2009, which motion prevailed.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1115: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Grande, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1115 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1132: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1132 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

#### FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Reps. Wald, Froelich, Kempenich and Sens. Erbele, Olafson, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1228:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to liability for injury or damage incurred during equine activity.

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

Reps. Martinson, Karls, Keiser, Weiler introduced:

**HB 1229:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a lien on property stored in a portable storage unit.

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

Reps. Skarphol, Hatlestad, Rust, Sukut and Sens. Andrist, Lyson introduced:

**HB 1230:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to Williston state college for construction of a career and technical education virtual center.

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

Reps. Keiser, Kerzman, Weisz and Sens. Kilzer, Krauter, J. Lee introduced:

**HB 1231:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state department of health for a mobile dental care service grant.

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

Reps. N. Johnson, Vigesaa and Sens. Lyson, Nething introduced:

**HB 1232:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-24.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to custodianships for property of minors.

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

Reps. Berg, Dahl, DeKrey and Sens. Lyson, Nelson introduced:

**HB 1233:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-03-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the highway patrol asset forfeiture fund.

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

Reps. Dosch, L. Meier and Sen. Dever introduced:

**HB 1234:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 22 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the maximum amount of the property tax exemption for the home owned and occupied by a blind person; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Skarphol, Froseth, Wald and Sens. Bowman, O'Connell, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1235:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-51.1-01, 57-51.1-02, and 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to oil extraction tax rates and exemptions; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Froelich, Kempenich and Sen. Erbele introduced:

**HB 1236:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 45 of section 57-39.2-04 and section 57-39.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes and imposition of gross receipts taxes for sales of fencing materials used exclusively for agricultural purposes; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Nelson, Hofstad, S. Meyer and Sens. Lyson, Robinson introduced:

**HB 1237:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allowing correctional officers to carry weapons in certain circumstances; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Nelson, Hofstad, S. Meyer and Sens. Lyson, Triplett introduced:

**HB 1238:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12-44.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the housing of out-of-state inmates by correctional facilities; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Hofstad, S. Meyer, Porter and Sens. Heckaman, Oehlke introduced:

**HB 1239:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to posting of lands to prohibit hunting; and to provide a penalty.

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

Reps. Hofstad, Hanson, Porter and Sens. Hogue, Oehlke introduced:

**HB 1240:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 20.1-03-36.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to guide and outfitter license exemptions.

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

Reps. D. Johnson, Hofstad and Sen. Oehlke introduced:

**HB 1241:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-12-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice of increased assessment for property tax purposes.

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

Reps. Ruby, Bellew, Gruchalla introduced:

**HB 1242:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to drug and alcohol test reports to the department of transporation.

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

Reps. Ruby, Bellew, Nathe and Sens. Dever, Hogue introduced:

**HB 1243:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a child individual income tax credit; to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a child individual income tax credit; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Ruby, Bellew, Gruchalla, Kasper and Sens. Dever, Hogue introduced:

HB 1244: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-11-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to defrauding a urine test.

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

Reps. Ruby, Keiser, Nathe and Sens. Dever, Hogue, Miller introduced:

**HB 1245:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-41-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eliminating the need for a written request to suspend automobile coverage.

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

Reps. Amerman, J. Kelsh, Kempenich and Sens. Dotzenrod, Lyson introduced:

**HB 1246:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident small game hunting licenses.

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

Reps. Amerman, J. Kelsh, Potter and Sens. Dotzenrod, Potter introduced:

**HB 1247:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 10 of section 65-05-08, subsection 2 of section 65-05-09, section 65-05-10, and subsection 2 of section 65-05-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation dependency allowances.

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

Reps. S. Meyer, DeKrey, Delmore, Hanson, Hofstad and Sen. Hogue introduced:

**HB 1248:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the taking of fish.

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

Reps. Ruby, Bellew, Headland, Kasper and Sens. Hogue, Miller introduced:

**HB 1249:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a farm distillery license; and to amend and reenact section 5-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to examination by and reports to the tax commissioner.

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

Reps. Skarphol, Delzer, Svedjan and Sens. Andrist, Christmann introduced:

**HB 1250:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-69 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a department of commerce report to the legislative council on the tax impact of the centers of excellence program; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Reps. Skarphol, Delzer, Kempenich and Sens. Andrist, Lyson, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1251:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a property tax exemption for oil or gas pipelines; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Mueller, Dahl, Delmore, Hawken and Sens. Heckaman, Nelson introduced:

**HB 1252:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-03-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to surname options.

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

Reps. Skarphol, Froseth, Wald and Sens. Lyson, Wardner introduced:

**HB 1253:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-16-39.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payment of oil and gas royalties.

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

Reps. Ruby, Bellew, Kasper, Wrangham and Sen. Hogue introduced:

**HB 1254:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of state or political subdivision services or property for political purposes; and to provide a penalty.

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

Reps. Headland, Nathe, Weiler introduced:

**HB 1255:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-38-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to corporate income tax rates; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Headland introduced:

**HB 1256:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to income tax treatment of qualified dividend income; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Headland, Belter, Weiler and Sens. Nodland, Wanzek introduced:

**HB 1257:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 11-09.1-05 and subsection 2 of section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibiting use of home rule authority to impose higher or lower property tax rates for certain properties; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Keiser, Hatlestad, Onstad and Sen. Mathern introduced:

**HB 1259:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an affordable housing fund; to amend and reenact sections 54-17-07.1 and 54-60.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the advisory board to the industrial commission and business incentives; to create a transfer; and to provide an appropriation.

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

Reps. S. Meyer, Damschen, DeKrey, Hanson introduced:

**HB 1260:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to types of bows lawfully usable in taking wildlife; and to provide a penalty.

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

Reps. S. Meyer, Conklin, Onstad and Sen. Triplett introduced:

**HB 1262:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an oil extraction tax exemption for production from horizontal wells; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Kreidt, Metcalf, Pietsch, Weisz and Sen. J. Lee introduced:

**HB 1263:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of assisted living facilities.

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

Reps. Klemin, Mueller, Schatz and Sens. Cook, Krebsbach introduced:

HB 1264: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 21-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to validation of bonds issued by public bodies of the state before July 1, 2009.

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

Reps. Metcalf, Klein, Wieland and Sens. Dever, Dotzenrod, G. Lee introduced:

HB 1267: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state veterans' home for a geothermal heating system; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Belter, Boehning and Sen. Fischer introduced:

HB 1268: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for clothing; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Kreidt, Pollert, Weisz, Wieland and Sens. Fischer, J. Lee introduced:

HB 1269: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-12.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to discipline of an unlicensed assistive person practicing without registration.

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

Reps. Mueller, Boe, D. Johnson, Wall and Sens. Dotzenrod, Wanzek introduced:

HB 1270: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 4.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the certification of gravel pits and forage; to repeal section 63-01.1-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to weed-free certification of gravel pits and forage; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Wieland, J. Kelsh, Kilichowski and Sens. Bowman, Nodland, Triplett introduced:

HB 1271: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 11-07-01, 11-07-02, 11-07-03, and 11-11-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to county commissioner redistricting; and to repeal section 11-07-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to county commissioner redistricting.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee.** 

Reps. Griffin, Dahl, Delmore and Sens. Nething, Olafson, Schneider introduced:

HB 1272: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-20-02 and 12.1-20-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a sexual act or conduct through coercion.

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

Reps. Myxter, Wall introduced:

HB 1273: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-25-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for enrollment in a postsecondary options program. Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. S. Meyer, Drovdal, Kempenich, Onstad and Sens. Triplett, Warner introduced:

HB 1274: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-51-15(2) of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the elimination of the limit on the amount counties may receive under the oil and gas gross production tax; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. R. Kelsch, Delmore, Kingsbury, Vigesaa and Sens. Bakke, Flakoll introduced: **HB 1276:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for afterschool learning programs.

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

Reps. Porter, S. Kelsh, Weiler and Sens. Cook, Triplett, Wardner introduced:

HB 1277: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allowance of the income tax credit on the form ND-1 income tax return for installation of geothermal energy devices; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Porter, R. Kelsch and Sen. Cook introduced:

HB 1278: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-24.5-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to removal of the city of Mandan from the southwest water authority; and to provide an effective date.

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

Reps. Drovdal, Headland, S. Meyer, Nathe and Sens. Christmann, Miller introduced:

**HB 1279:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a reduction in income tax rates for individuals, estates, and trusts; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**