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

The prayer was offered by Deacon Jim Nistler, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wilton.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives D. Johnson, S. Kelsh, and Klemin.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2025: A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home for the purpose of building a new facility; to amend and reenact sections 1 and 2 of chapter 55 of the 2007 Session Laws, relating to the veterans' home construction project; to provide an exemption; 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 91 YEAS, 1 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; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Hofstad; Holman; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Kelsch, R.; Kelsh, J.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kilichowski; Kingsbury; Klein; Koppelman; 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

NAYS: Keiser

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Kelsh, S.; Klemin

Engrossed SB 2025 passed, the title was agreed to, and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2094: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-12.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exempting certain employees at the developmental center at westwood park, Grafton, from the requirements of the Nurse Practices Act.

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; Hawken; Headland; Heller; Hofstad; Holman; Hunskor; Johnson, D.; Johnson, N.; Kaldor; Karls; Kasper; Keiser; Kelsch, R.; Kelsh, J.; Kempenich; Kerzman; Kilichowski; Kingsbury; Klein; Koppelman; 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: Kelsh, S.; Klemin

Engrossed SB 2094 passed and the title was agreed to.

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

MR. PRESIDENT: The House has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1350.

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

MR. PRESIDENT: The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: SB 2025.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (FRAN A. GRONBERG, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2025.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (FRAN A. GRONBERG, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: SCR 4008, SCR 4013, SCR 4016, SCR 4018, SCR 4020, SCR 4022.

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

MR. PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2025.

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 Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2009, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2036: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2036 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2050, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2050 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2054, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2054 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2067, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2067 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2096: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2096 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 17, overstrike "or" and insert immediately thereafter an underscored comma and after "county" insert ", ambulance service, or medical service provider"

Re-number accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2097, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2097 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~a person responsible for the child's welfare~~", remove "an adult", and overstrike "to any act" and insert immediately thereafter ", or by any individual who acts"

Page 2, line 12, remove "approved by the department's"

Page 2, line 13, remove "institutional review board"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2126: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2126 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2127: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2127 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2142: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Wrangham, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2142 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2143: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Wrangham, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2143 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3044: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3044 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3045: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3045 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 North Dakota university system; to provide for transfer of funds; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to provide for legislative council studies; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2004: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department of health; to provide for a grant from the state water commission; and to provide legislative intent.

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

SB 2007: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs; to provide an exception to the moratorium on expansion of basic care bed capacity; and to provide legislative intent.

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 transportation; to amend and reenact sections 24-02-44, 39-04-19, 54-27-19, 54-27-19.1, 57-43.1-06, and 57-43.2-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority to borrow for disasters and the collection and distribution of highway funds; to repeal section 39-04.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the registration fee for the public transportation fund; and to provide for a transfer.

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

SB 2014: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial commission; to amend and reenact section 54-17.5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to education activities relating to the lignite industry; to repeal section 16 of chapter 14 of the 2007 Session Laws, relating to a transfer from the North Dakota mill

and elevator association; to provide legislative intent; to provide an appropriation; to provide a contingent appropriation; to provide an exemption; and to authorize transfers.
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 department of corrections and rehabilitation.
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 department of commerce; to provide exemptions; to provide for an audit; to provide for transfers; to authorize the department of commerce to borrow funds from the Bank of North Dakota; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide for legislative council studies; to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-69 and a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of a centers of excellence fund to and the division of workforce development's strategic plan and the North Dakota workforce development council; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-69-04 and section 15-69-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to centers of excellence; and to declare an emergency.
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 state board for career and technical education.
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 the information technology department; to provide for transfers; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to membership of the statewide longitudinal data system committee.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

SB 2027: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-47-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of cities; and to provide an expiration date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2030: A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for phase one of the renovation and expansion project at the state penitentiary; to provide for a prison construction review committee; and to declare an emergency.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

SB 2040: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 57-39.2-01 and a new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of telecommunications company and telecommunications service and to a sales and use tax exemption for equipment used in telecommunications infrastructure development; to provide for a legislative council study; and to provide an expiration date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2062: A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 15-62.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to opportunity grants for students attending certain institutions of higher education; to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 3 of section 15-10-37 and sections 15-62.2-02 and 15.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to student financial assistance grants, technology grants, and joint meetings of the state's education boards; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide an appropriation; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

SB 2075: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state veterans' home for improvements associated with the new veterans' home; and to provide for a report to the budget section.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

SB 2121: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying expenses of the judicial branch of state government related to the establishment of three additional district court judgeships; to amend and reenact sections 27-05-01 and 27-05-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the number of district court judges and vacancies in judicial office; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

- SB 2155:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for grants to institutions of higher education that provide direct services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.
- SB 2163:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 37-17.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state radio broadcasting system; and to repeal chapter 54-23.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state radio broadcasting system.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.
- SB 2173:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 11-11-53 and subsection 8 of section 57-15-06.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to county levies for historical works; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.
- SB 2198:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact five new sections to chapter 50-06.4 and a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of services to individuals with traumatic brain injury; to amend sections 50-06.4-02 and 54-38-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to joint meetings and duties of the department of human services; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2199:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subdivisions to subsection 3 of section 57-15-01.1 and chapter 57-64 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of state funds to school districts for mill levy reduction grants; to amend and reenact sections 57-15-14 and 57-15-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to property tax levies of school districts; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.
- SB 2201:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a property tax credit for disabled veterans; to amend and reenact subsection 20 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the property tax exemption for disabled veterans; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.
- SB 2202:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-06-01, 15.1-20-01, 15.1-20-02, 15.1-22-01, and 15.1-22-02 and subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compulsory kindergarten attendance and the age of admission to schools; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.
- SB 2214:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-08-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to comprehensive health association of North Dakota eligibility provisions.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2217:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-20-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compulsory school attendance; to provide for a legislative council report; and to provide a penalty.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.
- SB 2221:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-60-01 and section 57-60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a credit against privilege taxes on coal conversion facilities for carbon dioxide capture; to amend and reenact section 57-60-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to measurement and recording of carbon dioxide capture; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.
- SB 2222:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-15-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to discontinuance of county emergency fund levies.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.
- SB 2225:** A BILL for an Act to establish a state grant program for child care.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2228:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a biofuel blender pump incentive fund; to

amend and reenact sections 19-10-19, 19-10-20, and 19-10-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to petroleum products; and to provide a continuing appropriation. Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

SB 2229: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 2 of section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the apportionment of oil and gas gross production taxes; and to provide an effective date. Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2230: 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 **Appropriations Committee**.

SB 2237: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to title 23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a health care record registry; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date. Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2239: 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 property tax assessments for new construction; and to provide an effective date. Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2243: A BILL for an Act to authorize counties to accept certain payments by credit card, wire transfer, electronic transfer, or debit card. Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2244: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact paragraph 2 of subdivision b of subsection 15 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to continuation of the farm residence exemption for the surviving spouse of a deceased farmer; and to provide an effective date. Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2245: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 17-04-01, 17-04-03, and 17-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the development of wind power. Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2247: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 35 through 42 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to property tax exemptions for new construction; and to provide an effective date. Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

SB 2253: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-16-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the appointment of water resource district managers. Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.

SB 2265: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required notice to be posted at abortion facilities. Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

SB 2266: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-11-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the nursing education consortium; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation. Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

SB 2267: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 34-11.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to whistleblower protection for public employees. Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

SB 2270: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-49-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bid requirements for park districts. Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

SB 2272: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parity for public employees retirement system health insurance coverage of prosthetics; to require a report regarding coverage of prosthetics; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date. Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

SB 2278: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 14-02.4-01, 14-02.4-02, 14-02.4-03, 14-02.4-04, 14-02.4-05, 14-02.4-06, 14-02.4-08, 14-02.4-09, 14-02.4-14, 14-02.4-15, 14-02.4-16, 14-02.4-17, 14-02.5-02, 14-02.5-03, 14-02.5-04, 14-02.5-05, 14-02.5-07, 14-02.5-08, 14-02.5-10, subsection 11 of section 26.1-04-03, subsection 1 of section 26.1-30.1-01.1, subsection 1 of section 26.1-39-17, and sections 26.1-40-11, 26.1-47-04, and 27-09.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

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

SB 2283: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the medical assistance eligibility requirements for pregnant women; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2289: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-19-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to corporal punishment.

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

SB 2297: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 57-33.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to taxation of generation, distribution, and transmission of electric power; to amend and reenact sections 10-13-04, 17-05-12, 49-21.1-01.1, 57-06-03, 57-06-17.3, and 57-60-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to references to assessment and imposition of taxes against centrally assessed electric power companies and taxation of rural electric cooperatives and cooperative electrical generating plants; to repeal chapters 57-33 and 57-33.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to taxation of rural electric cooperatives and cooperative electrical generating plants; to provide a penalty; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2298: A BILL for an Act to create and enact eleven new sections to chapter 61-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorizing revenue bonds for the Red River valley water supply project; and to amend and reenact sections 61-24-01, 61-24-08, 61-24-19, 61-39-01, and 61-39-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

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

SB 2305: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state water commission for a Beaver Bay embankment feasibility study.

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

SB 2306: A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 26.1-30-22 and 26.1-30-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to premium rate requirements and rate filing procedures for accident and health insurance; and to amend and reenact sections 26.1-18.1-15, 26.1-30-19, and 26.1-30-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health maintenance organization rate filings and insurance rate filing procedures.

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

SB 2307: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 16.1-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to presidential preference caucuses.

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

SB 2308: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 18-05.1-02 and 18-05.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payments to a deceased firefighter's survivor.

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

SB 2318: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26.1-18.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bond requirements for qualified programs of all-inclusive care or the elderly; to amend and reenact section 26.1-18.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of qualified programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly; and to provide an expiration date.

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

SB 2319: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-07-04, 16.1-07-06, 16.1-07-08, 16.1-07-12, 16.1-07-12.1, 16.1-07-15, 16.1-11.1-02, 16.1-11.1-05, 16.1-12-02, 16.1-12-02.1, 16.1-12-02.2, and 16.1-12-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to absentee voting, mail ballot voting, certificates of nomination by petition for president, write-in votes, and certificates of nomination by petition for independent candidates.

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

SB 2324: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 16.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to qualifications of electors; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15.1-09-11, sections 16.1-01-09, 16.1-01-09.1, 16.1-02-01, 16.1-02-02, and 16.1-02-05, subsection 2 of section 16.1-02-06, sections 16.1-02-07, 16.1-02-10, 16.1-02-13, 16.1-03-03, 16.1-03-19, 16.1-05-01, and 16.1-05-02, subsection 3 of section 16.1-05-04, sections 16.1-05-06, 16.1-09-02, 16.1-10-04.1, 16.1-11-06, 16.1-13-32, 16.1-15-15, 16.1-15-16, 16.1-15-34, 16.1-16-01, and 40-09-03, subsection 1 of section 40-21-02, sections 40-21-07 and 44-08-21, and subsection 2 of section 57-40.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to absentee ballot deadlines for schools, initiative petitions, recall petitions, central voter file, political party organization, appointment of election judges and poll clerks, voter affidavits, statement of interests, political advertising disclaimers, certificates of endorsement, candidate petitions, spoiled ballot retention, canvassing boards, recounts, and city elections.

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

SB 2327: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 18-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemptions from the state fire code.

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

SB 2329: A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation and transfer for creating geographic information system-based maps or overlays; and to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for the purpose of coordinating the mapping project.

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

SB 2332: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of a health information technology office and advisory committee; to repeal section 23-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota health information technology steering committee; 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 chapter 23-35.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of regional public health networks; and to provide an appropriation.

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

SB 2336: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Garrison diversion overview committee.

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

SB 2342: A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses associated with the control of Johnne's disease

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

SB 2344: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to breastfeeding; and to amend and reenact section 12.1-20-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exempting the act of breastfeeding from the offense of indecent exposure.

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

SB 2353: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state officer and employee lodging reimbursement; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2355: A BILL for an Act to provide a short-term shelter and assessment pilot program for at-risk youth; to provide a report to the legislative council; to provide for a legislative council study; and to provide an appropriation.

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

SB 2357: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-15-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to discharge for cause.

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

SB 2358: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a dental loan repayment program; and to provide an appropriation.

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

SB 2363: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 50-22-02, subsection 1 of section 50-22-02.1, and sections 50-22-04 and 50-22-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration of charitable organizations and professional fundraisers and to annual reports by charitable organizations; and to provide a penalty.

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

SB 2368: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 17 of section 4-22-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the mill levy limit for soil conservation districts; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2372: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the promotion of life science industries.

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

SB 2373: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 5-03-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a grape and wine program fund; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

SB 2378: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 39-29-03 and subsection 2 of section 39-29-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to off-highway vehicle registration and the disposition of registration fees and trail tax.

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

SB 2380: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 26.1-34.2-03; and to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 26.1-34.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registered annuities.

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

SB 2383: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 and a new subdivision to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax credit for employment of individuals with disabilities; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2385: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of license plates; and to provide an appropriation.

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

SB 2388: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 and a new subdivision to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax credit for an employer maintaining payment of salary and related retirement plan contributions for an employee called to active military duty as a member of a reserve or national guard component; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2392: A BILL for an Act to amend reenact section 41-09-96, subsection 1 of section 43-07-10, subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 54-05.1-03, and sections 54-09-04 and 54-09-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to secured transaction filing fees, contractor license renewals, lobbyist registration fees, and fees collected by the secretary of state.

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

SB 2393: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of emergency services for emergency snow removal grants; and to declare an emergency.

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

SB 2394: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consent for prenatal care and other pregnancy care services provided to minors.

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

SB 2396: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of human services for the purpose of implementing programs associated with the family impact initiative; and to provide for a legislative council study.

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

- SB 2399:** A BILL for an Act to provide for medical facilities and providers to give notice of programs and payments for ratings.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2402:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the homestead credit; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.
- SB 2403:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the admissibility of peer review reports; and to amend and reenact sections 23-34-01, 23-34-02, 23-34-03, 23-34-04, and 23-34-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to peer review records and reports.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2404:** A BILL for an Act to provide a lien for oil and gas owners to secure payment for the sale of oil and gas.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.
- SB 2411:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 49-22-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the siting of energy conversion facilities.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.
- SB 2412:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state department of health for providing a grant to the North Dakota fetal alcohol syndrome center; and to provide a report to the legislative council.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.
- SB 2415:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a reciprocal licensure to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed; and to provide application.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.
- SB 2417:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study relating to the state facilitating the reduction of landfill waste and the potential for development of methane processing.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Natural Resources Committee**.
- SB 2419:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 65-05.1-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation vocational rehabilitation awards.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.
- SB 2420:** A BILL for an Act to provide for legislative council studies relating to child support determinations of income and support obligations and the establishment of a consumers of family services program.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2421:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.
- SB 2422:** A BILL for an Act relating to a legislative council study of purchasing and procurement.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.
- SB 2423:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to audits and reimbursements of private providers for individuals with developmental disabilities; and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.
- SB 2425:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring the director of the office of management and budget to develop a report for the construction of all facilities occupied by state agencies on the capitol grounds.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.
- SB 2426:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-05-09.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to workers' compensation additional benefit payable; and to provide for application.

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

SB 2428: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-16.1-40.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to appeals in federally constructed flood control or soil conservation service projects; and to provide for application.

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

SB 2433: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to data collection of workers' compensation claims that receive vocational rehabilitation services; and to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 65-05.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to work searches by disabled workers.

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

SB 2438: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the promotion of sustainably grown agricultural commodities; and to provide an effective date.

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

SB 2439: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 5-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the penalty for unlawful delivery of alcohol to certain persons.

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

FIRST READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SCR 4001: A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.

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

SCR 4009: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adequacy of governmental services, including judicial services, to respond to issues related to an aging population, including veterans, and to study the efficacy of statutes governing public administrator services and methods for the timely and effective delivery of guardianship services.

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

SCR 4010: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study mass, public, and special needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus transportation within this state.

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

SCR 4014: A concurrent resolution recognizing October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

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

SCR 4019: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to examine carefully the known and potential impacts of implementing a national animal identification system.

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

SCR 4021: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the need for regulated horse processing facilities in the United States.

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

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

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