

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE - SPECIAL SESSION

Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, September 3, 2026

The House convened at 8:30 a.m., with Speaker Weisz presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Keith Ritchie, Cornerstone Community Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Grueneich and Steiner.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

MR. SPEAKER: Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Rep. B. Anderson, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the First Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 1576, after line 49, insert "recommends that the House and Joint Rules of the 69th Legislative Assembly, in effect upon the adjournment of the January 2026 extraordinary session, be reconsidered and amended as follows for the September 2026 extraordinary session of the 69th Legislative Assembly, with the exception of the amendment to Joint Rule 208, as reflected in Section 12, which becomes effective upon the conclusion of the September 2026 extraordinary session of the 69th Legislative Assembly:"

REP. B. ANDERSON MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. GOLDWYN rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE GOLDWYN

MR. SPEAKER: Liz Anne Conmy loved serving in this chamber, because she loved this state. She loved North Dakota more than anyone I've ever met. Her love for it was ferocious, infectious, and limitless. A granddaughter and daughter of farmers, and a farmer herself, she loved the land and the prairie and the open skies. She loved the people of this state, and she stood with them as an educator, a legislator, a neighbor, and a friend. And the people of this state loved her back.

But most of all she loved her four kids.

When she was running for the District 11 primary for the Democratic—Nonpartisan League Party just over four years ago, she told us in her nominating speech, "I'm running because I want North Dakota to be a place where my kids and other people want to live.—Choose to live."

Andrew, Philip, Laura, and Tommy: you know it, but let the official record of the North Dakota State House of Representatives show it for all time too: she loved you, and everything she did in this chamber she did for you, her children; and she did it for all our children.

Her young grandchildren, Juniper, William, Jonny, and Ruth, will never have the great good fortune to know Liz as so many of us did, but when they get old enough and if they ever wonder, it will be easy to find her; her legacy can be found all across this state. It can be found on the family farm in Langdon, about which her son Tommy was always so proud, saying she planted more trees than any other farmer. It can be found in our neighborhood schools in Fargo, to which she carpooled her own kids for many years and for which she advocated with such passion. Liz was an avid bird-watcher, and her legacy can be heard in the birdsong ringing out in our state parks and wild spaces, which she dedicated so much of her time to trying to preserve, and in the echoing calls of the migrating geese and cranes overhead signaling the approach of winter and, again, the approach of spring.

And her legacy can be seen right here in this chamber, where Liz inspired so many of her colleagues with her warm smile and sharp sense of humor, her generosity of spirit and strength of character, in how she exemplified the very best of our state's great democratic dream: a citizen legislature, made up of ordinary North Dakotans just like her, always striving to realize the vision laid out in our state motto: "Liberty and union now and forever, one and inseparable."

I know it is hard for her family and friends to go on, and it is hard too for us, her political family. But since her death, I've returned again and again to another line from her nominating speech. About serving in this chamber, she said:

"I know it won't be easy, but, like a true North Dakotan, I've never gone in for easy."

In my own Jewish tradition we say for those we love who have departed *zicrhono levracha*, may her memory be a blessing.

REQUEST

REP. ISTA REQUESTED that the remarks of Rep. Goldwyn be printed in the Journal, which request was granted.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPEAKER WEISZ DEEMED approval of the amendments to HB 1628.

HB 1628, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business on the calendar.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that House Rule 329, paragraph 2, be suspended, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1628: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 and chapter 51-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks and the regulation of kratom products; to amend and reenact section 12.1-31-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the sale of kratom to individuals under twenty-one years of age; to provide a penalty; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 86 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Christianson; Davis; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Goldwyn; Grindberg; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; McNally; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; Olson; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Rustebakke; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Skroch; Stemen; Swiontek; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

NAYS: Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Dobervich; Finley-DeVille; Kiefert; Rios

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Grueneich; Steiner

Engrossed HB 1628 passed.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1628.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2405, SB 2407, SB 2408.

MOTION

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

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, and Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Friday, September 4, 2026, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 2405: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-02-08.9, section 57-20-09, and subsection 1 of section 57-55-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the order of application of the primary residence credit and discount for early payment of tax; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Joint Policy Committee**.

SB 2407: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for the North Dakota military museum project; to amend and reenact section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to jurisdiction of the heritage center; to repeal subsection 3 of section 6 of chapter 17 of the 2025 Session Laws, relating to a donation pledge requirement to access funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to authorize a line of credit; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Joint Appropriations Committee**.

SB 2408: A BILL for an Act to create and enact subdivision III of subsection 3 of section 19-03.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the scheduling of kratom alkaloids and kratom alkaloid derivatives as a schedule I controlled substance; to amend and reenact section 19-03.1-22.3 and subsection 7 of section 19-03.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to penalties for the use and possession of kratom alkaloids and kratom alkaloid derivatives; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Joint Policy Committee**.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2405 ([25.1447.02000](#))

Joint Policy Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Co-Chairman) recommends the measure **BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION** (9 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2405 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2407

Joint Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Co-Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.1421.02011](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (22 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2407 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2408

Joint Policy Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Co-Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.1431.01003](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2408 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk

