

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE - SPECIAL SESSION**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly**

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Bismarck, September 4, 2026

The House convened at 8:00 a.m., with Speaker Weisz presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Bruce Irwin, Gospel Home Church, Bismarck/Mandan.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representative Rios.

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 1573, line 41, replace "Colette" with "Collette"

Page 1588, line 26, replace "Belz" with "Beltz"

REP. B. ANDERSON MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. NELSON rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

MR. SPEAKER: This past Saturday, August 29, this chamber, the State of North Dakota, and the entire world lost a trusted friend at the age of 99, our Sergeant-at-Arms, Jerry Moszer. Jerry served this chamber with dignity, professionalism, and dedication for nearly 30 years.

Serving in this chamber is an honor for all of us, getting to know an individual who makes such a lasting impression on us and for all that enter "The People's House" is one of the most special memories I will remember. He made our families, dignitaries, and all who entered this chamber feel welcome, unless of course if you happened to touch the rail with your hands.

Today we remember Jerry's service, his life, and his legacy. We offer our condolences to his family and with eternal hope, that he will rest in peace. Job well done, my friend.

REQUEST

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

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.

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 46 YEAS, 47 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Berg; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Dobervich; Dockter; Finley-DeVillie; Foss; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hanson; Headland; Heinert; Ista; Jonas; Karls; Kempenich; Kiefert; Lefor; Longmuir; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rustebakke; Sanford; Satrom; Stemen; Swiontek; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

NAYS: Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bolinske; Brown, T.; Christianson; Davis; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Frelich; Goldwyn; Hager; Hatlestad; Hauck; Heilman; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Maki; Marschall; McNally; Morton; Murphy; Nehring; Olson; Osowski; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Skroch; Steiner; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Rios

Engrossed SB 2408 failed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

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.

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 71 YEAS, 22 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Berg; Bosch; Brandenburg; Christianson; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; McNally; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; Olson; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Rustebakke; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Skroch; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

NAYS: Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bolinske; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Davis; Dobervich; Finley-DeVillie; Foss; Goldwyn; Hanson; Henderson; Hoverson; Ista; Johnston, D.; Morton; Nehring; Osowski; Rohr; Timmons; Toman; Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Rios

Engrossed SB 2407 passed.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

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.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and is PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION, the roll was called and there were 0 YEAS, 93 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

NAYS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Goldwyn; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; 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; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Rios

SB 2405 failed.

SPEAKER WEISZ ANNOUNCED that the House will stand in recess for 30 minutes.

THE HOUSE RECONVENED pursuant to recess taken, with Speaker Weisz presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

REP. M. RUBY MOVED that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1628 ([25.1453.05001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

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

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, subdivision III of subsection 3 of section 19-03.1-05, and chapter 51-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks, the scheduling of kratom alkaloid derivatives as a schedule I controlled substance, and the regulation of kratom products; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-03 and 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 alkaloid derivatives and 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 bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 91 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Christianson; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Goldwyn; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; 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; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

NAYS: Brown, T.; Finley-DeVille

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Rios

Reengrossed HB 1628 passed.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. LEFOR rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR

MR. SPEAKER: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, it is with a great deal of gratitude that I rise to talk about what has happened in the past few days. When the governor informed legislative leadership that he was going to call a special session to deal with kratom, we knew we had to get back to work.

I could not be prouder of the hard work of the Policy and Appropriations Committees which provided insight and guidance to the process. To have legislators with the level of expertise and dedication we have added positively to the final product. Additionally, Legislative Council was with these committees every step of the way and provided much needed expertise to this process.

Further, the Joint Policy Committee vetted several bills, made some alterations and came together to provide great policies for our state. Our Appropriations Committee worked hard on the military museum bill.

All these policies will serve our citizens very well. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge our front desk, who took time out of their busy lives to once again help us keep things on track, a sincere thank you.

To my colleagues in this Legislative Assembly thank you for coming together to get the job done for the citizens of this great state.

Thank you to Ellen LeTang and ReMae Kuehn who worked hard to keep the Speaker and myself in line, by keeping us on task and on time.

I have always had a great deal of confidence in the Legislative Assembly to deal with the challenges in front of us. This special session is yet another example of the dedicated public servants who serve in this chamber.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the assembly, we live in a growing, thriving state but we must always strive to do even better, and we will. Thank you everyone for your hard work, you stepped up to the plate and got the job done and done well.

The North Dakota Legislative Assembly does a remarkable job of vetting, debating and enacting into law the best policies and budgetary decisions which positively affect the citizens of the great state of North Dakota. I have had the distinct honor of serving in this chamber for 12 years and as Majority Leader for the past two sessions and knowing that the 2027 session is just around the corner, I want you to know that I will be one of your biggest cheerleaders.

I appreciate all you have done and will continue to do for your fellow citizens. May God bless all of you and the great state of North Dakota.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REQUEST

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

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor that the House has completed its business and is about to adjourn sine die, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SPEAKER WEISZ APPOINTED Reps. Bahl, Murphy, and Louser.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House has completed its business and is about to adjourn sine die, which motion prevailed

on a voice vote.

SPEAKER WEISZ APPOINTED Reps. Brandenburg, Tveit, and Dobervich.

REQUEST

REP. BRANDENBURG REQUESTED that the committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House has completed its business and is about to adjourn be discharged, as the committee has completed its task, which request was granted.

REQUEST

REP. BAHL REQUESTED that the committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House has completed its business and is about to adjourn be discharged, as the committee has completed its task, which request was granted.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2407.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has failed to pass, unchanged: SB 2405, SB 2408.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1628 ([25.1453.05001](#)).

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has concurred in the Senate amendments and subsequently passed: HB 1628.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1628.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2407.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1628.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HB 1628.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2407.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2407.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was delivered to the Governor for approval on September 4, 2026: HB 1628.

MOTION

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

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the House be on the Fourth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned sine die, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG

This is to inform you that on September 4, 2026, I have signed the following: HB 1628.

Pursuant to Representative Bosch's motion, the House stood adjourned sine die.

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk

