

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

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Bismarck, September 4, 2026

The Senate convened at 9:00 a.m., with President Strinden presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Rich Wyatt, Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Powers.

A quorum was declared by the President.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate stand at ease, which motion prevailed.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the Second Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 1370, line 7, replace "bill" with "amended bill"

Page 1372, remove lines 21-22

SEN. BEARD MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED to suspend Rule 329, which motion prevailed.

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.

MOTION

SEN. AXTMAN MOVED that Engrossed HB 1628 be amended ([25.1453.05001](#)), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

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 46 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhard; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Selzler; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema; van Oosting

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Powers

Engrossed HB 1628, as amended, passed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate stand in recess until 11:00 a.m., which motion prevailed.

THE SENATE RECONVENED pursuant to recess taken, with President Strinden presiding.

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.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the President appoint a committee of three to notify the House that the Senate has completed its business and is about to adjourn sine die, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED Sens. Lemm, Weston, and Hogan.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the President appoint a committee of three to notify the Governor that the Senate has completed its business and is about to adjourn sine die, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED Sens. Enget, Walen, and Wobbema.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate stand at ease, which motion prevailed.

REQUEST

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

REQUEST

SEN. ENGET REQUESTED that the committee appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate has completed its business and is about to adjourn be discharged, which request was granted.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the absent member be excused, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. HOGUE MOVED that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned sine die, which motion prevailed.

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: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2407.

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: SB 2407.

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: 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG

This is to inform you that on September 4, 2026, I have signed the following: SB 2407.

Pursuant to Sen. Hogue's motion, the Senate stood adjourned sine die.

Shanda Morgan, Secretary

