

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, April 17, 1999
Prairie Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Gary J. Nelson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Members present: Senators Gary J. Nelson, Randel Christmann, Aaron Krauter, Elroy N. Lindaas, David E. Nething, Larry J. Robinson, Wayne Stenehjem; Representatives Merle Boucher, William R. Devlin, John Dorso, Eliot Glasheim, Clara Sue Price, Francis J. Wald, John M. Warner

Member absent: Representative John Mahoney

Others present: Chester E. Nelson, Jr., Jeffrey N. Nelson; Legislative Council, Bismarck
Becky Bohrer, Associated Press, Bismarck

Senator Nelson, Chairman, announced that nominations for chairman of the Legislative Council were open. Representative Dorso nominated Senator Nelson and Representative Wald seconded the nomination. Chairman Nelson called for any other nominations.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that nominations cease. It was moved by Senator Krauter, seconded by Senator Robinson, and carried that a unanimous ballot be cast for Senator Nelson. Senator Nelson was elected chairman.

Chairman Nelson announced that nominations for vice chairman were open.

It was moved by Representative Wald, seconded by Representative Price, and carried that Representative Dorso be nominated as vice chairman, that nominations cease, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Representative Dorso for vice chairman of the Legislative Council. Representative Dorso was elected vice chairman.

Mr. John D. Olsrud, Director of the Legislative Council, described the usual process for selecting studies and establishing interim committees. Usually, he said, the council meets two to three weeks after the session to review study directives and establish priorities for discretionary studies. He said the council authorizes the chairman to establish a committee structure based on the study directives approved for the interim and a survey is sent to each legislator asking for committee preferences. He said it takes approximately three to four weeks to distribute, return, and tabulate the results from legislators. He said the Legislative Council then meets and approves committee membership assignments.

The council discussed various dates for future meetings in April and May. Chairman Nelson announced that the Legislative Council would meet on Tuesday, May 11, to prioritize studies and would schedule a meeting later to approve an interim committee structure. No further business appearing, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Jay E. Buringrud
Assistant Director

John D. Olsrud
Director