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The Senate convened at 1:00 p.m., with President Myrdal presiding.

The prayer was offered by Dr. Gordon Stork, Senior Pastor, Century Baptist Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present.

A quorum was declared by the President.

OATH OF OFFICE

PRESIDENT MYRDAL ADMINISTERED the Oath of Office to the employees listed in the **Employment Committee** report on pages 47-48 of the Senate Journal.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2169: SEN. TRAYNOR (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments on SJ pages 176-177 be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2174: SEN. TRAYNOR (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments on SJ page 177 be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2177: SEN. WARDNER (Finance and Taxation Committee) MOVED that the amendments on SJ pages 177-178 be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2253: SEN. WATNE (Judiciary Committee) MOVED that the amendments on SJ pages 178-179 be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. G. NELSON MOVED that SB 2217, which is on the Eleventh order, be rereferred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**, which motion prevailed. Pursuant to Sen. G. Nelson's motion, SB 2217 was rereferred.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2119: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 35-17-08, 35-29-05, 35-30-06, 35-31-06, and subsections 5 and 11 of section 41-09-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing fees collected by the secretary of state and county register of deeds.

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 35 YEAS, 14 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Andrist; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Lee; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutch; Naaden; Nelson, C.; Nelson, G.; Nething; Robinson; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, B.; Stenehjem, W.; Thane; Traynor; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Watne

NAYS: Bercier; DeMers; Heitkamp; Kelsh; Kinnoin; Krauter; Kroeplin; Lindaas; Mutzenberger; O'Connell; Redlin; Tallackson; Thompson; Tomac

Engrossed SB 2119 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2263: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 26.1-42.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an insurance guaranty association for property and casualty insurance; to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 26.1-06.1-03, section 26.1-14-15, subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 26.1-40-15.1, subsection 3 of section 26.1-40-15.5, subsection 1 of section 26.1-41-18, and subsection 3 of section 26.1-46-04 of the North Dakota Century Code; and to repeal chapter 26.1-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the insurance guaranty association.

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 49 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Andrist; Bercier; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; DeMers; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Kelsh; Kilzer; Kinnoin; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Kroepflin; Lee; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutch; Mutzenberger; Naaden; Nelson, C.; Nelson, G.; Nething; O'Connell; Redlin; Robinson; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, B.; Stenehjem, W.; Tallackson; Thane; Thompson; Tomac; Traynor; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Watne

Engrossed SB 2263 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2068: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, and in the alternative to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the borrowing of money by school district technology consortia; to provide for a contingent expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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 27 YEAS, 22 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Andrist; Bercier; DeMers; Grindberg; Holmberg; Kelsh; Kinnoin; Klein; Krauter; Kringstad; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutzenberger; Nelson, C.; Nelson, G.; O'Connell; Redlin; Robinson; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, W.; Tallackson; Thane; Thompson; Urlacher; Wardner

NAYS: Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Heitkamp; Kilzer; Krebsbach; Kroepflin; Lee; Mutch; Naaden; Nething; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; Stenehjem, B.; Tomac; Traynor; Wanzek; Watne

REQUEST

SEN. KROEPLIN REQUESTED the record reflect his intention to vote YEA on SB 2068, which request was granted.

Therefore, the final vote on SB 2068 was 28 YEAS, 21 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

SB 2068 passed, the title was agreed to, but the emergency clause lost for lack of a two-thirds majority.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2103: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-36-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the imposition of penalty and interest under the tobacco products tax law; and to amend and reenact sections 57-36-07, 57-36-11.1, and subsections 1 and 2 of section 57-36-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the tobacco product stamp requirements on sales to enrolled tribal members, the time for filing tobacco products tax returns by licensed tobacco products manufacturers, and the imposition of penalty and interest under the tobacco products tax law.

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 48 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Andrist; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; DeMers; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Kelsh; Kilzer; Kinnoin; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Kroeplin; Lee; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutch; Mutzenberger; Naaden; Nelson, C.; Nelson, G.; Nething; O'Connell; Redlin; Robinson; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, B.; Stenehjem, W.; Tallackson; Thane; Thompson; Tomac; Traynor; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Watne

NAYS: Bercier

SB 2103 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2265: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision g of subsection 3 of section 49-23-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to time periods under the one-call excavation notice system.

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 44 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Andrist; Bercier; Bowman; Cook; DeMers; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Kelsh; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Kroeplin; Lee; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutch; Mutzenberger; Naaden; Nelson, G.; Nething; Redlin; Robinson; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, W.; Tallackson; Thane; Thompson; Tomac; Traynor; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Watne

NAYS: Christmann; Kinnoin; Nelson, C.; O'Connell; Stenehjem, B.

SB 2265 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2318: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-40.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ballot measures on the question of excise taxes on telephone access lines.

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 48 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Andrist; Bercier; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; DeMers; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Kelsh; Kilzer; Kinnoin; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Kroeplin; Lee; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutch; Mutzenberger; Naaden; Nelson, C.; Nelson, G.; Nething; Redlin; Robinson; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, B.; Stenehjem, W.; Tallackson; Thane; Thompson; Tomac; Traynor; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Watne

NAYS: O'Connell

SB 2318 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2325: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 59-02-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the discharge of a trustee.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 0 YEAS, 49 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

NAYS: Andrist; Bercier; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; DeMers; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Kelsh; Kilzer; Kinnoin; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Kringstad; Kroepelin; Lee; Lindaas; Lyson; Mathern, D.; Mathern, T.; Mutch; Mutzenberger; Naaden; Nelson, C.; Nelson, G.; Nething; O'Connell; Redlin; Robinson; Sand; Schobinger; Solberg; St. Aubyn; Stenehjem, B.; Stenehjem, W.; Tallackson; Thane; Thompson; Tomac; Traynor; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Watne

SB 2325 lost.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (LANCE HAGEN, CHIEF CLERK)

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1050, HB 1057, HB 1201, HB 1218, HB 1227.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (WILLIAM C. PARKER, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2110, SB 2130, SB 2199, SB 2334, SCR 4004.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (WILLIAM C. PARKER, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed unchanged: HB 1054.

MOTION

SEN. ST. AUBYN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fifth, Ninth, and Thirteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, January 29, 1999, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2058: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2058 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 8, replace the first underscored comma with "or" and replace "or" with "and shall impose a fee of three dollars for a"

Page 1, line 9, after "organization" insert "that is" and after "the" insert "exclusive"

Page 1, line 10, after "minors" insert "and which does not receive gaming proceeds from a charitable organization"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2125: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2125 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 6, remove the overstrike over the first "**minors**", remove the overstrike over the second "**minors**", and remove "**persons under nineteen**"

Page 1, line 7, remove "**years of age**"

Page 1, line 8, remove the overstrike over "**minor**"

Page 1, line 9, remove "person under nineteen years of age", remove the overstrike over "**minor**", and remove "person under nineteen"

Page 1, line 10, remove "years of age"

Page 1, line 14, remove the overstrike over "**minor**" and remove "person under nineteen years"

Page 1, line 15, remove "of age"

Page 1, line 17, after the period insert "However, a person under eighteen years of age may purchase and possess tobacco as part of a compliance survey program when acting with the permission of the person's parent or guardian and while acting under the supervision of any law enforcement authority. A state agency, city, county, board of health, tobacco retailer, or association of tobacco retailers may also conduct compliance surveys, after coordination with the appropriate local law enforcement authority."

ReNUMBER accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2133: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2133 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 3, line 5, replace "which may be useful" with "intended to be used"

Page 3, line 10, after the underscored comma insert "a knife of any length,"

Page 3, line 13, replace "that may be useful" with "intended to be used"

Page 3, line 17, replace "A" with "Ammunition, a knife of any length, a"

ReNUMBER accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2185: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2185 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 8, replace "resides" with "is present" and replace "in violation of section 12-56-01 is guilty of a class C felony" with "without the permission of the officer of this state designated under subsection 5 of section 12-56-01 and who does not leave this state within seven days after being notified by a law enforcement officer that the individual may not remain in this state without such permission, is guilty of a class C felony. Within twenty four hours after a law enforcement officer has notified an individual that the individual may not remain within the state without the permission of the designated officer, the law enforcement officer shall report the notification to the designated officer. An individual who is on parole or probation in another state may not remain in this state without the permission of the officer of this state designated under subsection 5 of section 12-56-01. In a prosecution for an offense under this section, an individual's good-faith belief that the individual received permission to be present in this state is an affirmative defense if the individual acted in reasonable reliance upon the statements of an authorized officer of this state or the state in which the individual is on parole or probation. This defense is not available to a person who remains present in this state after being notified in writing by the designated officer of this state that the individual does not have permission to be present"

ReNUMBER accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2186: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2186 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "two" with "a" and replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, remove "of an inmate"

Page 1, line 7, remove "**of an inmate**" and replace "An individual with the legal" with:

"1. An individual is guilty of a class C felony if the individual knowingly"

Page 1, remove lines 8 through 10

Page 1, line 11, after the sixth comma insert "vaginal fluid," and replace "any" with ":

- a. A law enforcement officer acting in the scope of employment;
 - b. An employee of a correctional facility or the department of corrections and rehabilitation acting in the scope of employment;
 - c. Any person lawfully present in a correctional facility who is not an inmate;
 - d. Any person lawfully present in the penitentiary or an affiliated facility of the penitentiary who is not an inmate; or
 - e. Any person who is transporting an individual who is lawfully detained.
2. Subsection 1 does not apply to a mentally ill person as defined in section 25-03.1-02 who has been detained pursuant to chapter 25-03.1."

Page 1, remove lines 12 through 20

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2211: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2211 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2236: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2236 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2240: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2240 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2249: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2249 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section" and remove ", 12-54.1-03, and 12-54.1-04"

Page 1, line 15, replace "Except as provided under section 12.1-32-09.1, offenders sentenced to" with "The presiding judge of a judicial district in which"

Page 1, line 16, replace "are eligible to earn" with "is located, after consultation with the other judges in the district, may authorize the facility administrator to provide for"

Page 1, line 17, remove "of the correctional"

Page 1, line 18, remove "facility"

Page 1, line 19, after the underscored period insert "Except as provided under section 12.1-32-09.1, offenders sentenced to the facility are eligible to earn sentence reductions based upon the performance criteria."

Page 1, remove lines 22 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 29

Page 3, remove lines 1 through 22

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2228: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Traynor, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2228 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2277: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2277 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2290: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2290 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2292: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2292 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2298: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2298 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2306: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2306 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2317: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2317 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2348: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2348 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2357: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Traynor, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2357 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4014: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4014 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

FIRST READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Sens. T. Mathern, G. Nelson and Reps. Boucher, Dorso introduced:

SCR 4024: A concurrent resolution designating Sakakawea to be honored and memorialized with a statue in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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

Sens. Lyson, Kelsh, Wanzek and Reps. Drovdal, Rennerfeldt, Solberg introduced:

SCR 4025: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to analyze the operating environment of the Farm Service Agency and ensure that attempts at efficiency recognize customer needs and expectations.

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

Sens. T. Mathern, Heitkamp, G. Nelson and Reps. Boucher, Dorso introduced:

SCR 4026: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact the Dakota Water Resources Act.

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

Sens. Tomac, Christmann, Freborg, Kilzer and Reps. Grosz, Mahoney introduced:

SCR 4027: A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to assume responsibility for Missouri River bank erosion downstream from all Pick-Sloan Project dams, including the Garrison Dam to Oahe Reservoir reach in North Dakota, and to continue a program of annually appropriating funds for the maintenance and construction of bank protection projects.

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

Sens. Tomac, Christmann, Freborg, Kilzer and Reps. Grosz, Mahoney introduced:

SCR 4028: A concurrent resolution urging United States Army Corps of Engineers to include provisions for the protection of recreation, municipal, industrial, irrigation, and other interests on the Missouri River in North Dakota in developing a revised master manual for the future operation of the Pick-Sloan Project.

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

Sens. Tomac, Andrist introduced:

SCR 4029: A concurrent resolution supporting the removal of the telecommunications local access transport area (LATA) line in this state.

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

Sen. G. Nelson and Rep. Dorso introduced:

SCR 4030: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the management responsibilities of the Industrial Commission, the mission and location of each entity within and under the direction of the Industrial Commission, the membership of the Industrial Commission, and the voting structure of the Industrial Commission.

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

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1050: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a regulatory reform review commission.

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

HB 1057: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-18-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the industrial commission in operating the North Dakota mill and elevator association.

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

HB 1201: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 18-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to powers of rural fire protection districts; and to amend and reenact sections 18-04-07, 18-05-01, 18-05-02, 18-05-03, 18-05-04, 18-05-05, 18-05-06, 18-05-07, 18-05-08, 18-05-09, 18-05-10, 18-05-12, 18-05-13, 28-22-19, subsection 70 of section 40-05-01, 40-46-01, subsection 21 of section 57-15-10, section 57-15-43, and subdivision j of subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the organization of firefighters relief associations by fire departments and rural fire protection districts.

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

HB 1218: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 28-26-06 and 28-26-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to costs and disbursements taxed in judgments.

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

HB 1227: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water well contractor continuing education requirements; to amend and reenact section 43-35-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water well contractor continuing education requirements; and to provide an effective date.

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

The Senate stood adjourned pursuant to Senator St. Aubyn's motion.

WILLIAM C. PARKER, Secretary