

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

## Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, January 7, 2003

The House convened at 12:00 p.m., with Speaker Wentz presiding.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Maury Millican, Bismarck Community Church.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Belter and Hawken.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**CERTIFICATION FROM SECRETARY OF STATE**

I hereby certify that, in a letter dated January 2, 2003, I informed LaVonne A. Pietsch that she was selected to fill the vacancy in the House of Representatives for District 22, according to the provisions of Section 16.1-13-10 of the North Dakota century code.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Article XI, of the North Dakota Constitution, she executed her Oath of Office on January 6, 2003, and it is on file in the Secretary of State's Office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck on this date.

Alvin A. Jaeger, Secretary of State

The Speaker administers the Oath of Office to Rep. Vonnie Pietsch.

**MOTION**

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the absent members be excused.

Rep. Monson moved that the House be on the Ninth Order of Business, and at the conclusion of the Ninth Order of Business, the House stand in recess until 1:15 p.m., at which time it will meet in joint session with the Senate, and after the joint session with the Senate, the House stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, which motion prevailed.

**FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Legislative Council)

**HB 1001:** A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

**HB 1002:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch; and to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02 and 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of supreme and district court judges.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1003:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota university system; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1004:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department of health; to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state department of health combining purchasing with or on behalf of local public health units; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1005:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Indian affairs commission.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1006:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the aeronautics commission.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1007:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the veterans' home and department of veterans' affairs.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1008:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of financial institutions.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1009:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state fair association.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1010:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the council on the arts and an appropriation of funds from the cultural endowment fund.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1011:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1012:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions under the supervision of the director of the department of transportation; and to amend and reenact section 24-02-44 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to department of transportation authority for emergency borrowing from the Bank of North Dakota.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1013:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commissioner of university and school lands.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1014:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the children's services coordinating committee; and to amend and reenact sections 54-56-06 and 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funds of the children's services coordinating committee.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1015:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial

commission; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide an exemption; to authorize transfers; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1016:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to authorize a request for a supplemental appropriation from the fifty-ninth legislative assembly; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1017:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of job service North Dakota.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1018:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of administrative hearings.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1019:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of commerce; and to direct the state tax commissioner to audit the ethanol incentive program.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1020:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for vocational and technical education.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1021:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the extension service, northern crops institute, upper great plains transportation institute, main research center, branch research centers, and agronomy seed farm.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1022:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the information technology department; to authorize the industrial commission to issue and sell evidences of indebtedness for ConnectND; and to declare an emergency.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1023:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for capital projects of various state departments; to provide an appropriation for state facility energy improvement capital projects of various state departments and institutions; to authorize the industrial commission to issue and sell evidences of indebtedness for capital projects; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1024:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to optional consolidation of county mill levies.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1025:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-39.2-26.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the allocation of sales, use, and motor vehicle excise tax collections.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1026:** A BILL for an Act to create a transgenic wheat board; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1027:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to admission requirements for veterans at the veterans' home; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1028:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to admission requirements for spouses and surviving spouses of veterans at the veterans' home; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1029:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-15-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the veterans' home membership contribution; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1030:** A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of the future role of the veterans' home; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1031:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to department of transportation cooperative agreements with counties or cities.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1032:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pilot programs for recruiting and retaining state employees in hard-to-fill occupations; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1033:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements; to amend and reenact section 15.1-23-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements for students receiving home education; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1034:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school district demographics and long-term plans.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1035:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-15-01, subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 14-15-03, subsection 3 of section 14-15-04, subsection 1 of section 14-15-05, sections 14-15-06 and 14-15-07, subsection 2 of section 14-15-08, sections 14-15-09, 14-15-10, 14-15-11, 14-15-12, 14-15-12.1, 14-15-13, and 14-15-14, subsection 2 of section 14-15-15, and sections 14-15-16, 14-15-17, 14-15-18, 14-15-19, and 14-15-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Revised Uniform Adoption Act.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1036:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 14-15.1-03, and sections 14-15.1-04, 14-15.1-06, and 14-15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child relinquishment to identified adoptive parents.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1037:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-12-01, 50-12-02, and 50-12-03, subsection 1 of section 50-12-03.2, subsection 3 of section 50-12-04, sections 50-12-06, 50-12-07, 50-12-08, and 50-12-09, subsection 1 of section 50-12-10, and sections 50-12-12, 50-12-14.1, and 50-12-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensure of child-placing agencies; to repeal section 50-12-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child-placing agency licensure appeals; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1038:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 6-08.1-01 and 6-08.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to financial institution customer privacy definitions and exceptions.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1039:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the appropriation of higher education institutions' special revenue funds; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1040:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the cancellation of unexpended appropriations for the North Dakota university system; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1041:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-44.1-04 and 54-44.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to budget requests and block grant appropriations for the North Dakota university system; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1042:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to accountability measures included in the state board of higher education's performance and accountability report.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1043:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.6-01, subsection 4 of section 54-59-05, and sections 54-59-11 and 54-59-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to forms management, the powers and duties of the information technology department, information technology plans, and the information technology operating account; and to repeal section 54-59-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state information technology advisory committee.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1044:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-57 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the office of administrative hearings and indigent defense contracts; and to amend and reenact sections 27-20-49 and 29-07-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of indigent defense services.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1045:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 14-07.1-05.1, 14-09-06.3, 14-09-06.4, 14-17-15, 25-03.1-13, and 25-03.3-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to indigent defense costs for mental illness commitment proceedings, civil commitment of sexual predators, and for guardian ad litem services.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1046:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to speed limitations.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1047:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-06.1-05, 39-06.1-06, 39-07-09, 39-08-21, 39-21-16, and 39-21-46 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the fees for driving in excess of the speed limit.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1048:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to guides and outfitters.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1049:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 17 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the director of the game and fish department with respect to guides and outfitters.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1050:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 20.1-03-36.1, 20.1-03-36.2, 20.1-03-38, 20.1-03-39, and 20.1-03-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of guides and outfitters; to amend and reenact sections 20.1-01-02, 20.1-02-05, 20.1-03-11.2, 20.1-03-12, 20.1-03-36, and 20.1-03-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to guides and outfitters; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1051:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-10-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exempting draft audit reports prepared by the state auditor from open records requirements.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1052:** 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 performance assurance plan by the public service commission; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1053:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-21-22.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulatory reform review commission; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1054:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for and application of the homestead property tax credit; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HB 1055:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 57-02-27.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the capitalization rate used in the agricultural property tax valuation formula; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Eckre, Williams, Weiler and Sens. Thane, Heitkamp, Espegard introduced:

**HB 1056:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 55 of section 40-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ownership by a municipality of property located outside this state.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

Rep. Wald and Sen. Wardner introduced:

**HB 1057:** A BILL for an Act to provide for remedies against workplace harassment and violence; and to provide a penalty.

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

Reps. Eckre, Williams, Kretschmar and Sens. Thane, Heitkamp, Cook introduced:

**HB 1058:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-15-63 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to relevy by a taxing district of property taxes omitted by mistake; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Thoreson, Carlisle, Devlin, Ekstrom and Sens. Mathern, Robinson introduced:

**HB 1059:** A BILL for an Act to repeal section 1-08-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the service of civil process on an election day.

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

Rep. Wald and Sen. J. Klein introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1060:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to retaliation by an employer against an employee for seeking workers' compensation benefits; to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 5 and subsection 28 of section 65-01-02, sections 65-02-11 and 65-02-20, subsection 5 of section 65-05-07, section 65-05-10, subsection 1 of section 65-05-17, and sections 65-05-21, 65-05-22, 65-05-25, and 65-05-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to calculation of the average weekly wage of self-employed employers, the definition of seasonal employment, subpoenas issued by the workers compensation bureau, dispute resolution of managed care decisions, modifications to real estate for catastrophically injured workers, partial disability benefits, workers' compensation death benefits, structured settlements, and the preferred worker program; to repeal sections 65-02-15 and 65-05-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to binding arbitration in workers' compensation disputes and workers' compensation death benefits; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1061:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsection 6 of section 26.1-45-01 and section 26.1-45-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to long-term care insurance; and to amend and reenact subsections 3, 4, and 5 of section 26.1-45-01, section 26.1-45-05.1, subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 26.1-45-07, and sections 26.1-45-09 and 26.1-45-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to long-term care insurance.

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

Reps. Metcalf, Kerzman, Severson, Weisz and Sens. Nichols, Dever introduced:

**HB 1062:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 39-12-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to width limits and the movement of implements of husbandry.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1063:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 52-09 and a new section to chapter 52-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administration of the old-age and survivor insurance system and authority of the executive director of job service North Dakota; to amend and reenact section 52-09-03, subsection 4 of section 52-09-07, and subsections 6 and 9 of section 52-09-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administration of the old-age and survivor insurance system, primary insurance benefits under the old-age and survivor insurance system, authority of the executive director of job service North Dakota, and legislative appropriations for the expenses of administration; and to repeal section 52-09-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the previous authority of the employment security bureau.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1064:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 52-11-01 and subsection 7 of section 54-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the retirement plan for employees of job service North Dakota and authority of the public employees retirement system board; and to provide for implementation of this Act.

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

Rep. Ruby and Sen. Mutch introduced:

(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1065:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 65-01-02, 65-01-17, and 65-02-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the name of the

workers compensation bureau to workforce safety and insurance; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Nicholas, Aarsvold and Sens. Nichols, Klein introduced:  
(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1066:** A BILL for an Act to provide for the continuation of an agricultural pesticide and pesticide container disposal program; and to provide an expiration date.

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

Rep. Meier and Sen. Brown introduced:  
(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1067:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-01-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exempt boxing exhibitions.

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

Rep. R. Kelsch introduced:  
(At the request of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education)

**HB 1068:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-20.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance, manufacture, and use of false academic credentials; and to provide a penalty.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State Laws)

**HB 1069:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 41-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Uniform Commercial Code Article 1, general provisions; to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 9-16-02, subsection 4 of section 9-16-15, subsection 39 of section 10-19.1-01, subsection 43 of section 10-32-02, subsection 24 of section 10-33-01, subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 41-02-03, subsection 1 of section 41-02-09, subsection 3 of section 41-02.1-03, subsection 4 of section 41-02.1-49, subsection 2 of section 41-02.1-66, subsection 1 of section 41-02.1-67, subsection 2 of section 41-02.1-75, subsection 1 of section 41-02.1-76, subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 41-03-03, subdivision j of subsection 1 of section 41-03-03, subsection 3 of section 41-04-04, subsection 1 of section 41-04.1-05, subsection 1 of section 41-04.1-06, subsection 2 of section 41-04.1-12, subsection 3 of section 41-05-03, subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 41-07-02, section 41-07-06, subdivision k of subsection 1 of section 41-08-02, subdivision ss of subsection 1 of section 41-09-02, subsection 18 of section 45-10.1-01, subsection 14 of section 45-13-01, subsection 15 of section 45-22-01, subsection 12 of section 45-23-01, and section 47-15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to chapter 41-01 and references to chapter 41-01; and to repeal present chapter 41-01 and sections 41-02-15 and 41-02.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to general provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, contracts, and leases.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State Laws)

**HB 1070:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 41-09-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to perfection of security interests; and to amend and reenact subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 41-09-02, subdivision vv of subsection 1 of section 41-09-02, and subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 41-09-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions and the jurisdiction of banks.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State Laws)

**HB 1071:** A BILL for an Act to provide for the adoption of the Uniform Foreign Money-Judgments Recognition Act.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Commission on Uniform State laws)

**HB 1072:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the uniform interstate enforcement of domestic violence protection orders act; to amend and reenact section 14-07.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to penalties for violation of a protection order; to repeal section 14-07.1-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to foreign domestic violence protection orders; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

**HB 1073:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 12 of section 54-23.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation to lease and sell land.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

**HB 1074:** A BILL for an Act to repeal sections 12-47-27, 12-47-28, and 12-47-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transfers of penitentiary inmates to the state hospital.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1075:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.6-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the statewide forms management program.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1076:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the date by which appropriation and budget-related legislation must be submitted to the legislative council.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1077:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-14-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fiscal irregularities reportable to the budget section.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1078:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of personal information obtained by a state agency in administering occupational or professional licenses.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1079:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the rulemaking authority of the superintendent of public instruction.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1080:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15.1-32-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of students with disabilities who are incarcerated.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Labor Commissioner)

**HB 1081:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 14-02.5-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dwellings exempt from certain provisions of the housing discrimination laws.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Labor Commissioner)

**HB 1082:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 34-06-03, 34-06-04, 34-06-14, 34-06-17, and 34-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the labor commissioner to adopt rules on wages and working conditions for employment in this state; and to repeal sections 34-06-09, 34-06-10, 34-06-11, 34-06-12, and 34-06-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the labor commissioner to issue orders on wages and working conditions for employment in this state.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Labor Commissioner)

**HB 1083:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 14-02.4-21, 14-02.5-22, and 14-02.5-46 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidential information obtained under the human rights and housing discrimination laws.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1084:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-11-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the denial or revocation of a foster care license.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1085:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 50-11.1-04 and 50-11.1-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consideration of reports of child abuse or neglect in licensing or registering child care providers.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1086:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to open enrollment and the transfer of students from certain schools.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1087:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-53-02 and 54-53-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to composition of the advisory transportation council and purpose of the upper great plains transportation institute.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

**HB 1088:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 27-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishment of a court facilities improvement and maintenance fund and court facilities improvement advisory committee; to amend and reenact section 27-05.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees charged by the clerk of the district court; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

**HB 1089:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a probation officer taking a defendant into custody for treatment and rehabilitation; and to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to supervision of probationers and conditions of supervision.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

**HB 1090:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 27-20-51 and section 27-20-52 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to juvenile records.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1091:** A BILL for an Act to amend sections 15.1-07-18 and 15.1-07-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bribery of school officials or employees.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Attorney General)

**HB 1092:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of social security numbers and client files at the University of North Dakota school of law; and to amend and reenact

section 20.1-03-35, subsection 8 of section 23-02.1-19, section 43-50-04, subsection 2 of section 44-04-18.1, subsection 6 of section 44-04-20, and subsection 1 of section 44-04-21.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of social security numbers, notice of emergency or special meetings, and release of certain information received by the attorney general when preparing open records and meetings opinions.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1093:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-06-30 and 54-06-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state employee bonus programs for performance and recruitment and retention programs; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1094:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-17.5-02 and 23-17.5-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health care cooperative agreements; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1095:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to veterans' home general fund appropriation expenditures.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1096:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 52-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payment of unemployment compensation benefits; to amend and reenact section 52-01-02, subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 52-04-07, sections 52-04-09 and 52-04-10, subsection 8 of section 52-06-02, and subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 52-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unemployment compensation records and payment of and eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits; and to provide a penalty.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1097:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the setting of unemployment insurance tax rates.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1098:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unemployment insurance benefit determinations.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1099:** A BILL for an Act to repeal chapter 52-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to shared work unemployment compensation; and to declare an emergency.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Auditor)

**HB 1100:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-10-21, 54-10-26, 54-11-04, and 54-27-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties and working papers of the state auditor.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Cosmetology)

**HB 1101:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 13 of section 43-11-01, sections 43-11-04 and 43-11-06, subsection 3 of section 43-11-16, section 43-11-24,

subsection 3 of section 43-11-27, and subsection 1 of section 43-11-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing of cosmetologists and cosmetology schools.  
Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Natural Resources Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Geological Survey)

**HB 1102:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 38-12-02, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 38-12.1-04, and subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 38-19-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an election to deposit cash or property in lieu of a bond for coal exploration, subsurface mineral exploration and development, and geothermal production.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1103:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-03, a new section to chapter 15-04, and an new section to chapter 15-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority for payment of expenses by the board of university and school lands; to amend and reenact sections 15-03-01.2, 15-03-16, 15-04-23, 15-06-22, 15-08-04, and 47-30.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority for the payment of expenses by the board of university and school lands; to repeal section 15-03-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code; relating to apportionment of board of university and school lands maintenance fund balances; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

**HB 1104:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 6-08.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of information in the Bank of North Dakota's possession.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1105:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 57-34-01, subsection 2 of section 57-34-03, sections 57-34-04.3 and 57-34-05, and subsection 1 of section 57-34-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of mobile telecommunications service, refunds to retail customers, refunds to telecommunications carriers, deposit of telecommunications carriers gross receipts tax revenues, and waiver of penalty for failure to report; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1106:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 10-06.1-10 and a new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to valuation of certain farmland or ranchland acquired by certain nonprofit organizations and valuation of property of the workers compensation bureau; and to amend and reenact sections 57-12-09 and 57-14-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice of increased assessment to real estate owners and taxes on escaped real property.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1107:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 57-15-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the effect on property tax levy limitations of property exempt from property taxes by local discretion or charitable status.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1108:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-38-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of income tax withholding returns and income tax withholding payments by payroll service providers.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Tax Commissioner)

**HB 1109:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-35.3-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an adjustment to federal taxable income for net recognized built-in gains.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Attorney General)

**HB 1110:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 3 and 7 of section 12.1-32-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sex offender registration.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Attorney General)

**HB 1111:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 12-60-16.4, and subdivision g of subsection 1 and subdivision e of subsection 5 of section 19-03.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to drug paraphernalia offense reporting and forfeiture and use of forfeited property.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1112:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06, and sections 39-06.1-09, 39-12-02, 39-12-08, 39-12-09, and 39-12-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to noncriminal disposition fees, definition of moving violation, issuance of permits for vehicles of excessive size and weight, and limitations on loads extending beyond the sides of a motor vehicle; and to provide a penalty.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1113:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 24-02-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to bidding of highway contracts; and to declare an emergency.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1114:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-20-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the action following a test to determine the alcohol content of the blood of a resident motor vehicle operator.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of Job Service North Dakota)

**HB 1115:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of unemployment insurance data to the United States census bureau; and to declare an emergency.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

**HB 1116:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 6-09-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the Bank of North Dakota regarding trust preferred securities transactions.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs)

**HB 1117:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-14-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to use of moneys in the permanent revolving fund of the veterans' aid fund.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

**HB 1118:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09-15.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transfer of funds between the beginning farmers loan fund and the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of University and School Lands)

**HB 1119:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing the Indian cultural education trust; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1120:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-08-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor repeat offenders and ignition interlock devices.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1121:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to enforcement of food and lodging regulations.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Rep. Keiser introduced:

**HB 1122:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing a mule deer license raffle and auction.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1123:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 23-01-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the state health officer to appoint a deputy state health officer.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1124:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-09-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to higher education institution room and meal fees; and to declare an emergency.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1125:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15-62.2-00.1 and sections 15-62.2-03.2 and 15-62.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state scholars program.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1126:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-62.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the maximum amount for student financial assistance program grants.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

**HB 1127:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-10-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the technology occupations student loan program.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1128:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 19-14-01, 19-14-02, 19-14-03, 19-14-04, 19-14-05, 19-14-06, 19-14-07, and 19-14-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of livestock medicines; and to provide a penalty.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1129:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-27-06, 4-30-36, 4-30-36.2, and 4-30-36.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to milk assessments and dairy regulations.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1130:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 36-24-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to custom processing of meat products; and to declare an emergency.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1131:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-43-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice of environmental health; and to declare an emergency.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1132:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact five new sections to chapter 49-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing of telecommunications resellers; and to amend and reenact section 49-03.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity for telecommunications companies.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1133:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 49-04-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public utility fees; and to amend and reenact section 49-21-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the exemption of rate and rate of return regulation for telecommunications companies and telecommunications services.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1134:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-21-01.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unbundling of essential services in telecommunications services.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1135:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-21-01.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to powers of the public service commission relating to the regulation for the provision of telecommunication service.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the North Dakota Real Estate Appraiser Qualifications and Ethics Board)

**HB 1136:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-23.3-03, subsection 1 of section 43-23.3-08, sections 43-23.3-10, 43-23.3-12, and 43-23.3-19, and subsection 1 of section 43-23.3-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing of real estate appraisers.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1137:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsections 20 and 21 of section 26.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibited practices in insurance business.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1138:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26.1-22-21.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to insurance broker of record; and to amend and reenact sections 26.1-22-05 and 26.1-22-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to buildings insured by the state fire and tornado fund and excess loss reinsurance.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1139:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 26.1-33-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to interest paid on death claims by insurance companies; to amend and reenact subdivision e of subsection 3 of section 26.1-29-09.1, subdivision c of subsection 2 of section 26.1-37-01, and subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 26.1-38.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to insurable interest in personal insurance, credit insurance on motor vehicles, and life insurance and annuity accounts maintained by the life and health insurance guaranty association; and to repeal section 26.1-36-03.1 of the North Dakota Code, relating to information disclosures in health insurance policies.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1140:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 26.1-03-19.2, subsection 5 of section 26.1-12-03, and sections 26.1-12-04 and 26.1-18.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to examination reports of foreign companies, term of existence of a mutual insurance company, articles of incorporation of a mutual insurance company, and annual reports of health maintenance organizations.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1141:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 26.1-10.1-01 and section 26.1-10.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notice to the insurance commissioner of reinsurance agreements.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1142:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26.1-25-04.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to withdrawal of insurance companies; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 26.1-30.1-06 and subsection 1 of section 26.1-39-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonrenewal of commercial and homeowner's insurance; and to repeal sections 26.1-01-06, 26.1-03-12, 26.1-03-13, 26.1-03-14, and 26.1-03-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to product liability and legal malpractice reports.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Division of Emergency Management)

**HB 1143:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality of public health and security system plans; and to declare an emergency.

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

Finance and Taxation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

**HB 1144:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-51-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to distribution of gross production tax proceeds.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Natural Resources Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Governor)

**HB 1145:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 57-51-01 and a new section to chapter 57-51 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a temporary exemption from the gross production tax for gas produced from shallow gas wells.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Board of Pharmacy)

**HB 1146:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 19-03.1-09 and subsection 4 of section 19-03.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to controlled substances.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the State Water Commission)

**HB 1147:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 61-02-76 and 61-03-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to appeals from decisions of the water commission and state engineer.

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

Natural Resources Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the State Water Commission)

**HB 1148:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to release of water resource board easements; and to amend and reenact sections 61-02-14.1, 61-16.1-38, and 61-16.1-53 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dam construction easements, dam construction permits, and dike and dam removal notices and hearings.

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

Rep. Froseth and Sen. Mutch introduced:  
(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1149:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 65-01-09, 65-04-03.1, 65-04-04, 65-04-15, subsection 1 of section 65-04-26.1, subsections 1 and 2 of section 65-04-32, subsection 3 of section 65-04-33, sections 65-05-07.2, 65-05-28.1, 65-06-01, 65-06-02, 65-06-03, and 65-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the workers compensation bureau's subrogation interests and participation in third-party actions, elimination of the expiration date for the state entities account, employer certificates of coverage, release of information from employer files, personal liability for failure to pay premiums or file premium reports, notice of decisions issued by the workers compensation bureau affecting employer accounts, the penalty structure for failure to secure workers' compensation coverage, employer medical assessments, eligibility of an employer to select preferred providers to render medical treatment, and volunteer disaster emergency trainees and volunteer firefighters; to repeal section 65-04-19.2 and chapter 65-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state agency participation in the workers' compensation risk management program and the employee information program on hazardous substances; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Rep. M. Klein and Sen. J. Klein introduced:  
(At the request of the Workers Compensation Bureau)

**HB 1150:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-02-03.1, 65-02-30, and 65-03-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the term of office of members and membership of the workers compensation bureau board of directors and biennial performance evaluations of the functions and operations of the workers compensation bureau; and to provide for application.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:  
(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1151:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 37-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to rights of persons who are called into active state or federal military service; and to declare an emergency.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1152:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to causes for divorce; and to repeal section 14-05-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of irreconcilable differences.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1153:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the possession and use of alcohol and controlled substances by students.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1154:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of elk, moose, and bighorn sheep hunting licenses.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1155:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-29-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the residency determination of students placed for noneducational purposes.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1156:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the starting date for school calendars.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

**HB 1157:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 60-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensed warehouse capacity and condominium storage; and to amend and reenact sections 60-02-07, 60-02-10.1, 60-02-33, subsection 8 of section 60-02.1-01, sections 60-02.1-07, 60-02.1-11, subsection 7 of section 60-02.1-14, sections 60-02.1-28, 60-02.1-29, 60-02.1-32 and subsection 4 of section 60-03-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing of grain warehouses, grain buyers, and hay buyers.

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

Agriculture Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

**HB 1158:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 18, 19, and 28 of section 19-18-02 and sections 19-18-04, 19-18-04.1, and 19-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pesticide registrations; to repeal section 19-18-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a pesticide residue advisory board; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Private Investigative and Security Board)

**HB 1159:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unlicensed practice as a private investigative or security service; to amend and reenact sections 43-30-01, 43-30-02, 43-30-03, 43-30-10, and 43-30-12, relating to the jurisdiction of the private investigative and security board; and to provide a penalty.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

**HB 1160:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-07-02, 23-09-01, 23-09-02.1, 23-09-03, 23-09-05, 23-09-06, 23-09-07, 23-09-09, 23-09-10, 23-09-11, 23-09-14, 23-09-16, 23-09-17, 23-09-18, 23-09-21, 23-09-22, 50-10.1-01, and 50-10.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assisted living facilities and lodging establishments.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Transportation Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

**HB 1161:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06-32, subsection 1 of section 39-08-01, sections 39-20-03.1 and 39-20-03.2, subsection 1 of section 39-20-04.1, subsections 2 and 5 of section 39-20-05, and sections 39-20-07 and 39-20-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the level of alcohol concentration prohibited for motor vehicle operators.

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

Appropriations Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

**HB 1162:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-17.2-01, 54-17.2 -02.1, and 54-17.2-02.2, subsection 16 of section 54-17.2-03, and sections 54-17.2-04, 54-17.2-06, 54-17.2-07, 54-17.2-08, 54-17.2.09, 54-17.2-10, 54-17.2-11, 54-17.2-16, 54-17.2-19, 54-17.2-20, and 54-17.2-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to financing the acquisition of software, equipment, or implementation services for the state by the building authority or any other project authorized by the legislative assembly.

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

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1163:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 25-03.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disclosure of health information for treatment of mental illness; to amend and reenact section 25-03.1-10, subsection 1 of section 25-03.1-13, section 25-03.1-43, and subsection 20 of section 43-17-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to civil commitment for treatment of mental illness and substance abuse and a physician's duty to transfer medical records; to repeal section 25-03.1-44 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to accounting for the disclosure of health information of an individual committed for the treatment of mental illness; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1164:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 50-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing of assisted living facilities; to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 23-09-01, and sections, 50-24.5-01 and 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assisted living facilities; to repeal section 50-24.5-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration of assisted living facilities; and provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Human Services Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

**HB 1165:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 50-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to substance abuse treatment programs; to amend and reenact subsection 12 of section 25-03.1-02 and subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 26.1-36-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the correction of statutory cross-references; and to repeal chapter 23-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of addiction hospitals.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1166:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-07-16, 15.1-09-46, 15.1-27-20, and 15.1-27-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reports made to the county superintendent of schools and the superintendent of public instruction.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1167:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-05.1-04, 26.1-21-22, 43-25-13, and 43-32-11, subsection 4 of section 54-06-04, and section 54-54-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reports by agricultural research or research extension centers, the state bonding fund, the board of massage therapists, the board of psychologist examiners, the council on the arts, and other entities submitted to the governor or secretary of state.

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

Judiciary Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1168:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 44-06-04, 44-06-12, 44-06-13.1, 44-06-14, and 44-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notaries public and their seals and fees.

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

Rep. Froseth and Sen. Espesgard introduced:

(At the request of the Secretary of State)

**HB 1169:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 47-22-01, 47-22-02, 47-22-03, 47-22-04, 47-22-05, 47-22-06, 47-22-06.1, 47-22-07, 47-22-08, 47-22-09, 47-22-10, 47-22-11, 47-22-12, and 47-22-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration and protection of service marks; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.

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

Reps. Bellew, Maragos introduced:

**HB 1170:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-15-12 and 57-15-12.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to park district general fund levy limitations and an excess levy for a comprehensive health care program for district employees; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. DeKrey, Haas introduced:

**HB 1171:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-31-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the sale of tobacco to individuals under the age of twenty-one and the use of tobacco by minors; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

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

Rep. Maragos introduced:

**HB 1172:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12.1-28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of gambling.

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

Rep. Bellew introduced:

**HB 1173:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 30.1-08-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to execution of a will in a nursing home.

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

Rep. Grosz introduced:

**HB 1174:** A BILL for an Act to prohibit use, sale, and distribution of tobacco; to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 12-47-21, section 12.1-31-03, subsection 11 of section 19-03.4-02, subsection 3 of section 23-38-02, and sections 43-04-43, 47-22-09, 57-39.2-03.2, and 57-40.2-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tobacco; to repeal chapters 51-25 and 57-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tobacco sales and taxes; and to provide penalties.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Rep. Ekstrom and Sen. Christenson introduced:

**HB 1175:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 23-07-07.5 and section 23-07.7-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sexual offenses; and to repeal section 12.1-20-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unlawful cohabitation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Rep. Grosz introduced:

**HB 1176:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-08-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a notice of accident to law enforcement.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HB 1177:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 37-01-01, 37-01-04, 37-01-09, 37-01-11, 37-01-12, 37-01-21, 37-01-26, 37-01-28, 37-01-30, 37-02-01, 37-02-02, 37-02-04, 37-03-05, 37-03-07, 37-03-11, 37-04-02, 37-04-07, 37-04-09, 37-07-01, 37-07-03, 37-07-04, 37-07-05, 37-07-06, 37-08-03, 37-08-04, 37-11-01, and 37-11-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements for membership in the military forces of the state; and to provide an effective date.

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

Rep. Koppelman introduced:

**HB 1178:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the contents of a notice of administrative rulemaking; and to provide an effective date.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

**HB 1179:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-02-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to disclosing nonpublic personal information.

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

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

**HB 1180:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to competitive sealed bid proposals and resolving protested solicitations and awards; and to amend and reenact sections 54-44.4-01, 54-44.4-02, subsections 1 and 2 of section 54-44.4-05, section 54-44.4-06, and subsection 2 of section 54-44.4-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to purchasing policy, purchasing by the office of management and budget, solicitation

criteria, exempt records, limited competitive and noncompetitive purchases, multi-step sealed bids, and vendor registration.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1181:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher qualifications; to amend and reenact sections 15.1-18-02 and 15.1-18-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher qualifications; and to provide an effective date.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

**HB 1182:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-23-05, 15.1-23-06, 15.1-23-08, 15.1-23-09, 15.1-23-10, 15.1-23-11, and 15.1-23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to testing of students attending home schools.

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

Education Committee introduced:

(At the request of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education)

**HB 1183:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 4-14.2-03, subsection 1 of section 4-24-11.1, section 4-37-03, subsections 3 and 4 of section 6-09.10-02.1, subsection 1 of section 6-09.10-06, subsection 2 of section 12-44.1-01, sections 12-44.1-17 and 12-46-25, subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07, sections 14-06.1-07 and 14-06.1-09, subsection 2 of section 14-08.1-05.1, subsection 1 of section 14-10.2-01, sections 15-10-18.3, 15-10-18.5, 15-20.1-01, 15-20.1-02, 15-20.1-03, 15-20.1-03.1, 15-20.1-04, 15-20.1-05, 15-20.1-06, 15-20.1-07, 15-20.1-11, 15-20.1-21, 15-20.2-01, 15-20.2-02, 15-20.2-03, 15-20.2-04, 15-20.2-05, 15-20.2-07, 15-20.2-08, 15-20.2-09, 15-20.2-10, 15-20.2-11, 15-20.2-12, 15-20.2-13, 15-20.2-14, 15-20.2-15, and 15-20.2-16, subsections 2 and 6 of section 15-20.4-01, subsection 11 of section 15-39.1-04, sections 15-63-02, 15-63-03, 15-63-04, 15-63-05, and 15.1-01-02, subsection 4 of section 15.1-02-13, subsection 7 of section 15.1-09-33, subsection 1 of section 15.1-09-36, subsection 1 of section 15.1-12-10, subsection 1 of section 15.1-13-01, subsection 4 of section 15.1-13-10, sections 15.1-14-23, 15.1-14-24, 15.1-14-25, 15.1-14-26, 15.1-14-27, 15.1-14-28, 15.1-14-29, 15.1-14-30, 15.1-14-31, and 15.1-14-32, subsection 5 of section 15.1-16-20, subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02, section 15.1-25-01, subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-18, section 15.1-27-28, subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-37, subsections 3 and 6 of section 19-03.1-23, subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-23.1, sections 25-06-02, 25-07-04, 27-21-02, and 27-21-03, subsection 1 of section 27-21-06, sections 27-21-07, 27-21-09, 34-05-01.3, and 34-06-15, subsection 1 of section 37-07.1-02, section 40-57-02, subsection 3 of section 40-57-03, sections 40-57.2-01, 40-57.2-04, 43-35-13, 50-09-02.2, 50-11-01, 52-02-02.1, 52-02-08, and 52-08-12, subsection 2 of section 52-08.1-04, section 52-09-08, subsection 12 of section 54-10-14, section 54-56-01, subsection 2 of section 54-59-17, section 54-60-06, subsection 16 of section 57-15-06.7, subsection 15 of section 57-15-10, subsections 1 and 2 of section 57-15-14.2, section 57-15-17, subdivision m of subsection 1 of section 57-38-01.2, and subsection 2 of section 57-38-67 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the name of "state board for vocational and technical education" to "state board for career and technical education", changing the name of "area vocational and technology centers" to "area career and technology centers", authorizing area vocational and technology centers to accept property and grants from the federal government, and designating a department of career and technical education; and to repeal section 15-20.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the school board of a vocational school district.

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

Industry, Business and Labor Committee introduced:

(At the request of the Department of Financial Institutions)

**HB 1184:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 13-03.1 and a new section to chapter 13-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to consumer finance license renewals and subpoena powers for collection agency information; and to amend and reenact sections 13-04.1-05 and 13-05-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to money broker and collection agency license renewals and renewal late fees.

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

Rep. Klemin introduced:

**HB 1185:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 41-09-73 and section 41-09-84 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to financing statements and termination statements under the Uniform Commercial Code.

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

Rep. Wieland and Sen. T. Mathern introduced:

**HB 1186:** A BILL for an Act to provide for state funding of county office buildings containing court facilities; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

#### FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3001:** A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.

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

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3002:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the loss of tax revenues from flooded property and from previously taxable property that is purchased by tax-exempt entities, including ownership in trust for Indian tribes, and the impact of the tax status of these properties on the ability of local communities to provide social services, including child support enforcement services.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3003:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study state and local funding obligations for social services, including child support enforcement services.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Legislative Council introduced:

**HCR 3004:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the state's method of providing legal representation for indigent persons and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a public defender system.

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

Reps. Belter, Kretschmar, Martinson and Sens. Mathern, Traynor, Wardner introduced:

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

**HCR 3005:** A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 17 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the organization of the state's military forces; to repeal sections 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the organization, membership requirements, and appointment of officers of the state's militia and privilege from arrest during periods of military service; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Joint Constitutional Revision Committee**.

Rep. Grosz introduced:

**HCR 3006:** A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to games of chance.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Joint Constitutional Revision Committee**.

Rep. Grosz introduced:

**HCR 3008:** A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of electronic home detention for nonviolent offenders.

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

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

#### JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the House and Senate convened at 1:15 p.m., with Speaker Wentz presiding.

#### MOTION

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple to the rostrum and Mrs. Betsy Dalrymple to a special reserved seat in the Assembly, which motion prevailed. Speaker Wentz appointed Sen. Gary Lee and Rep. Wes Belter to the escort committee and Lt. Governor Dalrymple was escorted into the chambers to his respective seat.

**SPEAKER WENTZ PRESENTED** Lt. Governor Dalrymple to the Assembly and turned the gavel over to him.

**MOTION**

**SEN. LYSON MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Vandewalle to the rostrum, which motion prevailed. The Chair appointed Sen. Traynor and Rep. DeKrey to the committee and Chief Justice Vandewalle was escorted to the rostrum

**MOTION**

**REP. MEIER MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort Former Governor Arthur A. Link and his wife Grace Link, to special reserved seats in the Assembly, which motion prevailed. The Chair appointed Sen. O'Connell and Rep. Boucher to the committee to escort Governor Arthur A. Link and Mrs. Grace Link to their special reserved seats in the Assembly.

**MOTION**

**SEN. KREBSBACH MOVED** that a committee of two be appointed to escort The Honorable John Hoeven, Governor of the Great State of North Dakota, to the rostrum, and First Lady Mikey Hoeven to a special reserved seat in the Assembly, which motion prevailed. The Chair appointed Sen. Stenehjem and Rep. Berg to the escort committee.

The colors were presented by the Color Guard from the North Dakota National Guard.

The National Anthem was played by the North Dakota National Guard 188th Army Band, directed by Mr. William Franke.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Franko.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**CHIEF JUSTICE VANDEWALLE ADMINISTERED** the Oath of Office to elected officials Susan Wefald and William A. Neumann.

CW4 William Franke sang "God Bless the USA"

Governor John Hoeven presented his address:

**2003 STATE OF THE STATE  
The Honorable John Hoeven  
Governor of North Dakota  
December 7, 2003**

Lt. Governor Dalrymple, Justices of the Supreme Court, distinguished legislators, elected officials, former Governor Link, tribal leaders, First Lady Mikey, honored guests and citizens of the Great State of North Dakota, thank you and good afternoon.

Two hundred years ago this year, Captain Meriwether Lewis and Lieutenant William Clark set out with a small expeditionary force to explore a new land--a territory that included what is now our great state of North Dakota, purchased from Emperor Napoleon of France by the 3rd president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. Lewis and Clark set out on that journey with courageous hearts, not knowing what lay ahead, who they would meet, what they would encounter, or even what hardships they would need to endure.

Sakakawea, a wise and brave native woman, walked beside them to meet each challenge along the trail. She was a guide, teacher, caregiver, and friend. Their exploration came to be known as the Corps of Discovery.

As we meet the challenges that confront us today, it is important to keep the spirit of that journey alive. One person doing just that is Amy Mossett, a Mandan-Hidatsa, who is nationally recognized for presenting the character of Sakakawea, so that today we can appreciate Sakakawea's remarkable contribution to American history. Amy, would you please stand and be recognized?

The Corps of Discovery set out with hope, determination, and a spirit of adventure to expand not only the boundaries, but also the dreams, of a young nation.

Now, 200 years later, we must have that same adventurous spirit--that same optimism and determination--to create a better future for ourselves and for our children.

Just as Lewis and Clark faced great challenges 200 years ago - daunting challenges - so too do we face challenges today. And like Lewis and Clark and Sakakawea, we will find our way. We will overcome the obstacles that lie before us.

To do so, we must have a clear vision for the future, and we must work together - we must all work together - to get there. In this state of the state address, I want to share that vision and the roadmap to achieve it.

That is why I am asking you today to take action. That is why I am asking you to make a major investment in North Dakota's future--an investment of more than \$100 million - an investment in an initiative we call **Smart Growth**. It includes new funding for both traditional economic development programs, and a new approach - marshalling all of our resources in new ways to build our future.

We are able to do it because we have exercised sound fiscal management in the past. The national recession has raised havoc with the budgets of every state in the union. Here in North Dakota we have fared far better than most, thanks to our economic development efforts and good fiscal management. I want to commend all of you in the Legislature for your vital role in that effort.

In my budget address last month I told you that our neighbor to the east, Minnesota, faced a \$3 billion deficit. That has now grown to \$4.6 billion. Our neighbor to the west, Montana, faces a deficit of more than \$230 million. South Dakota's deficit now exceeds \$50 million, and recently Governor Mike Johanns of Nebraska, a good friend of mine, called and told me that Nebraska faces a deficit of more than \$600 million.

While these and other states will be forced to make massive cuts in services and raise taxes - our Administration has put forward a plan to expand services and invest in our future - without a general tax increase.

In our budget address last month, we introduced **Smart Growth**, a new approach to economic development. We started some of the initiatives that comprise **Smart Growth** last session, but we must do more to "Build our Future in North Dakota." **Smart Growth** is a comprehensive plan that combines education, career development, and technology with entrepreneurial business activity to create a more dynamic economy for North Dakota.

Before we talk about that plan, let's step back for a moment, and look at our economic development efforts over the past decade.

In the late 1980s, GNDA, the Greater North Dakota Association, started a statewide process called Vision 2000. It brought together leaders from across the state - in business, agriculture, education, and government - to plan for the future. During the decade of the 1980s, our state lost almost 14,000 people in population, our ag base was declining, and we were creating few new jobs in other sectors of our economy. The leadership of Vision 2000 recognized that we needed to chart a new direction for our state.

The Vision 2000 planning process resulted in Growing North Dakota - a program passed by the Legislature that included initiatives - like PACE, the Development Fund, the Beginning Farmers Program, and formation of ED&F, the state's Economic Development and Finance Agency.

Those programs, combined with a strong national economy in the 1990s, helped North Dakota recruit and develop more jobs, which slowed our outmigration. In fact, communities like Bismarck and Fargo have seen significant growth of 12 to 22 percent, while other larger communities, and some smaller communities, have held their own, and even grown some as well.

But much of rural North Dakota has continued to struggle, and today we need a new focus that begins a second chapter in our quest for prosperity and quality of life.

Today, our challenge is not unemployment--it's underemployment. North Dakota has one of the lowest unemployment rates of any state in the country. Our unemployment rate is about 3.2 percent, versus a national average of about 6 percent. Our challenge is to create more higher-paying jobs, more career tracks, that will keep our young people here, and bring others back to North Dakota.

To do that, we must do things differently. We must have vision and leadership. We must leverage all our resources in new ways. We must use traditional and nontraditional resources in tandem to build our state, and we must work together - a true team effort - to grow our population and create a higher standard of living for all North Dakotans.

The programs in the Growing North Dakota Initiative totaled \$21 million. It was a major commitment to build our future. But today, I am asking you to commit five times that investment--more than \$100 million--to **Smart Growth**, a unified vision of teamwork and initiatives that will "Build Our Future in North Dakota."

Let me give you some examples of the kinds of investments and commitments I am asking you to make in **Smart Growth**:

- Increase teacher compensation. We must keep our best and brightest teachers here, to keep our students the best and brightest.
- Better link our teachers to career development, to keep more of our young people in North Dakota.
- Fully implement the Higher Education Roundtable strategy, including resources for Centers of Excellence, designed to maximize the synergy between education and entrepreneurial activity.
- Develop **ConnectND**, a cutting edge information management system for the entire state - to provide schools and businesses with the tools they need to compete nationally.
- Launch new venture capital funds - to jumpstart business activity.
- Implement business internship programs - to help students launch careers in North Dakota.
- Enhance career counseling and job placement - to make sure students find the right career and find the best opportunities in North Dakota.
- Decouple state corporate income tax - to send a clear message to the world that North Dakota has a competitive tax structure, and that we are ready to do business.
- Partner with the New Economy Initiative - to keep this vision before us at all times.
- Offer a low-interest home buying program to attract and retain skilled workers in areas of shortages.
- And create tax incentives to stimulate energy development and value-added agriculture, such as new initiatives for ethanol, and enhanced development of oil and gas.

These investments of more than \$100 million will truly link education and new technology with our economic development efforts to create good-paying jobs and careers right here in North Dakota.

**Smart Growth** also represents a true team approach, with economic developers working together at the state, regional, and local levels, and also working in tandem with the private sector and our schools and universities throughout the state.

As part of **Smart Growth**, we will engage our young people more than ever before. For example, the NDSU student government has launched a project called TIME - which stands for To Inspire More Entrepreneurs. These young people, as well as others, will help develop our statewide internship program. Members of the NDSU student government are with us today. Student Body President James Burgum, Vice President Aaron Schwengler, Representatives Justin Dever, and Matt Murray, please stand and be recognized.

Some of the principles that comprise **Smart Growth** are already being used in communities across North Dakota. Let's start in the northwest corner of our state, in rural Divide County.

When many said the town of Crosby was a dying community, local entrepreneurs, developers, public officials, educators and the citizens of Crosby went to work building their community.

Crosby and Divide County looked around and saw a solid work ethic, strong schools, innovative thinkers, and a sense of community. They harnessed those strengths, and combined them with education and economic development. Today, Crosby is building a growing rural community. Consider:

- In less than a year, Crosby has created 80 new jobs in a town of about 1,200 people.
- Bushel 42, the city's new pasta plant, is marketing products to California and other regions of the country.
- Superior Grains, a specialty grain handling plant, has grown from a small family business to 20 employees, and is now breaking into foreign markets, like Cuba.
- Dakota Free Products, makers of natural skin care products, began as a family enterprise by Christine and Gerald Gillund. Today, its products are marketed at 67 retail locations in 10 states. This month, it will expand into a new building to meet the growth in sales.

What has this progress meant for Crosby and Divide County?

- Crosby is planning to build the High Country Community Technical Center to prepare a new generation for careers in a new economy.
- More jobs have brought Crosby's schools 17 additional students - a 5 percent increase.
- The city is looking at community improvements, like a new athletic and recreational complex.
- And most telling of all, Crosby is planning to expand its housing base--because more jobs mean more people in need of good, affordable housing.

In other words, Crosby is building its future in North Dakota.

A similar story is unfolding in the city of Rugby, right in the heart of our state.

- Rugby Manufacturing is expanding.
- The owners of Samsara Cues, Jim and Lori Stadum, returned to their roots in late 2001, relocating their business from Nashua, New Hampshire, to Rugby.
- The city park commission is pushing forward with a multiple use recreational trail for leisure and exercise.
- The city recently launched a technology center to assist farmers and business people.
- And the computer lab at Heart of America Medical Center trains not only student nurses, but also members of the public.

There are other success stories like Crosby and Rugby in our state. In southeast North Dakota, the city of Forman is moving forward, too.

After retiring from the Navy, where he served for 30 years and earned Gold Wings as a Naval Flight Officer and veteran of three wars, Bob Cookson returned to his roots in Forman. Five years ago, he became Mayor. He--along with economic development specialists, educators, students, and civic leaders--have partnered to help the people of Forman build their future in North Dakota.

The Forman Community Vision statement exemplifies the kind of spirit we will need as a state to move North Dakota forward. Here's what it says:

"The citizens of Forman share a vision. We see a community brimming with life, with meaningful jobs, well-rounded education for our youth, with healthcare that provides peace of mind and dignity to our elderly... security, warmth and sound values that beckon the return of our youth and their children, and visitors from around the nation."

Let me tell you a little about how Forman's vision is helping them to make progress:

- The city has worked with local and state developers to create a new industrial site to lay the groundwork for new businesses.
- In October, Wurth Service Supply was the first company to locate at the site. It created eight new jobs, and will supply Bobcat plants in Gwinner and Bismarck.

- Ray-Mac, across the street, has expanded to employ 65 people.
- Private investors last year got together and built a new 21-room motel.
- In 2002, Forman expanded its museum, adding new buildings, to preserve the county's history and heritage.
- To meet the need for growth, the Forman Development Corporation has helped to build a new apartment complex and housing development.
- Last March, the city opened a new activities center, constructed with private donations and fundraising efforts.
- It is renovating its nursing home.
- Forman's young people are an important part of the effort, as well. Sargent Central High School's Envirothon Team recently represented our state at the Youth Watershed Summit in Edgewater, Maryland.

In west central North Dakota, the city of Beulah--building on its solid base of energy development and technology--is making strides with good marketing.

By the end of this month, Direct Response Technologies--a Pittsburgh-based information technology company--will be up and running. The company will start with 10 to 12 employees, and plans to set up a co-op with the local school to provide students with employment and work experience.

The Department of Commerce's Ambassadors Program helped to recruit this new business. Commerce Department Ambassadors are North Dakotans in key positions around the country who spread the word that North Dakota is a great place to live, to work, and to do business.

These communities--Crosby, Rugby, Beulah, and Forman--are innovative, energetic, and committed to using all their talent to build their future. They have worked in a unified effort--combining education, economic development, entrepreneurial energy and a positive attitude--to build their communities. Our task as a state is to reproduce the success of Crosby, Rugby, Beulah, and Forman all across North Dakota.

We have representatives from some of these communities with us today. I'm going to ask them to stand and be recognized. Please hold your applause until they're all standing.

With us today from Crosby are:

- Dave Olson, Director of the Divide County Jobs Development Authority.
- Keith Olson, CEO of Bushel 42.
- Les Knudson, President of Superior Grains.
- Gerald Gillund, co-owner of Dakota Free Products.
- From Beulah, we have John Phillips, Development Director for the Beulah Job Development Authority.
- And with us today on behalf of Forman is Mayor Bob Cookson, and the Envirothon Team from Sargent Central High School. Would you all please stand and be recognized?

Larger communities are also making important progress. Bismarck and Fargo ranked 18th and 21st respectively in the latest Forbes-Milkin ranking of the "Best Places To Do Business." Bismarck and Fargo also ranked among just a dozen "Pockets of Prosperity" across the country in a recent Business Week Magazine analysis of their ability to create jobs--despite the national recession.

Building our state's economic future is our number one priority. We are absolutely committed to doing it. We can do it, and we will do it. Perhaps the best example I can give you here is Grand Forks. After flood and fire, and the loss of their Air Force missile wing in 1997, the city was projected to decline and lose population. Instead, just the opposite has happened. The citizens of Grand Forks rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Grand Forks leaped

11 notches in the Forbes-Milkin ranking of the "Best Places To Do Business," and today, their economy and population are growing.

As we work to build our economy and work, to create more opportunities, still, our state and nation face other challenges as well. Since September 11, 2001, much in our country has changed. We are a nation at war with terrorism, and we may soon be at war with Iraq.

This war is different from the wars we have fought in recent decades. This time, not only our military, but also our law enforcement officials, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders - even our citizens themselves - must provide for homeland security as our military battles terrorism abroad.

On behalf of the people of North Dakota, I want to thank these brave men and women for meeting the challenge. To all of them, and their families, and to all of our veterans - because of your willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe - we say thank you and God Bless you.

Here in North Dakota, we are fighting another battle - drought. Last summer, drought scorched productive farmland and wildfires ravaged large areas of the southwest part of our state. A host of brave firefighters--federal, tribal, and local - as well as our National Guard--fought for weeks to protect lives and property. And to them, too, we say thank you.

For our farmers and ranchers in the southwest, and for those who are battling flooding in the northeast, we are pushing Congress and the Bush Administration for a disaster aid package. We can't change the weather, but we can make ourselves heard in Washington. As Congress reconvenes this week, we have made it a priority to press for relief from both drought and flooding for our producers. Our farmers and ranchers deserve no less.

North Dakota, for the sixth consecutive year, has been ranked the safest state in America. At the same time, we face the growing scourge of alcohol and substance abuse, and especially methamphetamine.

To meet this challenge, we must take a comprehensive approach - and we are. Together, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and I set up a Statewide Task Force to battle drug and alcohol abuse. I would like to take just a moment here to applaud Attorney General Stenehjem for his leadership, and all law enforcement personnel for their dedication to fighting this battle.

Our executive budget recommends spending almost \$4 million in support of our comprehensive education, treatment, and law enforcement strategy to address the challenge of substance abuse in North Dakota.

We are taking up the fight on a number of fronts. We are increasing resources for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's meth and narcotics enforcement efforts. We are also increasing resources for Drug Court, which can reclaim lives. To fight substance abuse on the elementary and high school levels, we are devoting substantial funding under the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools program.

And, to deal with the growing prison population because of meth, we are establishing a new women's prison on the campus of the State Hospital in Jamestown. This facility will result in making prison beds available in our penitentiary system for both men and women offenders - and save taxpayers \$22 million.

Drug Courts, more prison space, better treatment options - all play a role in our comprehensive plan. We must educate. We must treat and rehabilitate. We must take the makers and dealers off the street, and we must provide law enforcement the resources to get the job done.

While we are working to fight meth and other drugs, we will make North Dakota even safer for our most precious citizens - our children.

Back in August, I signed an executive order to design and implement an Amber Alert system for North Dakota. Amber Alert is a partnership between law enforcement and broadcasters to get every citizen in the state searching when a child is missing or abducted. On February 6, the program will be tested and implemented on a statewide basis. In the event of a child abduction, our state is prepared to do everything possible to safely recover the child and bring the perpetrator to justice.

We are working hard to keep our state the safest in the nation.

We are also working hard to provide for those who need assistance - our young, our elderly and our disabled. In North Dakota, as is true throughout most of the country, we have a growing elderly population. These are the people who built our state and built our nation.

They endured the Great Depression, defended our freedoms in the Second World War, and comprise what South Dakota native, Tom Brokaw, has referred to as America's "Greatest Generation."

I recently had the privilege to honor two of them with the state's highest tribute, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award--Tom Clifford and Chet Reiten. The award recognizes present or former North Dakotans who have achieved national recognition in their fields of endeavor. Both of these individuals grew up in North Dakota, fought in World War II, and then returned home to our state to accomplish incredible things. Both of these recipients show that you can live and work in North Dakota and still achieve national acclaim. Tom Clifford could not be with us today, but Chet Reiten is here. Chet, would you please stand and be recognized?

For all of our seniors, we must be committed to them, just as they have been committed to us. We provide high quality medical care, and the support we provide for our nursing homes is the highest in our region of the country.

We will continue that support, but we can do more. We can empower our seniors to live at home longer, and we can help those with limited income to afford the prescription drugs they need. To do that, I have proposed--and I ask you to support--funding for **Healthy SeniorsRx**, our new prescription drug program, as well as increased funding for more home-based services for our seniors and disabled.

The approach I am proposing is cost-effective--but most importantly, our seniors have earned it. They deserve no less.

We also need to remember that we have formidable strengths. Too often, we overlook where we are making progress.

- Today, in North Dakota we have balanced our budget.
- We have communities that are growing.
- Over the past two years, we have increased wages and income.
- Enrollment at our universities is up - a sign of confidence in our academic and business community.
- We are one of the most technologically prepared states in the country, with a statewide, broadband, voice, data, and video network.
- North Dakotans enjoy good health. The UnitedHealth Foundation recently ranked North Dakota the 12th healthiest state in America.
- We remain one of the nation's most dynamic agricultural states, leading in the production of 11 major crops.
- We are pushing ahead aggressively on value-added agriculture, with new startups in dairy, pasta, alfalfa, pulse crops, and organic foods.
- We are opening new markets abroad, such as in Cuba.
- And we are the sixth largest energy producing state in the country.

Whether it's strong support for seniors, keeping North Dakota safe, or creating better-paying jobs for our citizens, we must be committed to a positive, unified vision for the future of our state. We must also recognize that it will take a strong, team effort over time. Like Lewis and Clark, and Sakakawea, we are on a journey. We won't reach our destination overnight. It will take a sustained effort, commitment, and teamwork.

The vision of **Smart Growth** for our state is attainable. It will require initiative and teamwork at every level. It will require that we build on our strengths and values - strengths and values we've always had - like faith, family, concern for our fellow citizens, a love of our state, and an incredible work ethic. To those strengths we must add firm commitments:

- We must commit to excellence in education - and making education--K-12, Vocational Education, and Higher Education--an integral part of our economic

development efforts - so that our educators become active partners in keeping our young people in North Dakota.

- We must commit to change, using new technologies to build employment in new areas of today's global, information-based economy.
- We must commit to building targeted industries where we have natural advantages - advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture, technology based business services, tourism, and energy.
- We must commit to marketing our state aggressively, and we must have a positive attitude to succeed.
- And we must commit to working together--to enlist all of our resources - in education, in business and in government--to work in a focused, unified way for the common purpose of building our state.

Through these commitments - through a unified vision called **Smart Growth** - we will build a dynamic new future for North Dakota. Working together, we can achieve this bright future and a quality of life second to none--for ourselves and for our children.

Thank you. May God Bless America, and may God Bless North Dakota.

#### **MOTION**

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the remarks of Governor John Hoeven be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Franko.

**THE CHAIR APPOINTED** Major General Michael J. Haugen to escort the Governor and First Lady from the House Chamber. The Chair also directs National Guard Officers to escort the elected state officials, cabinet members, and all special guests from the House Chamber.

**REP. MONSON MOVED** that the joint session be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

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

**BRADLEY C. FAY, Chief Clerk**