

LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

Under Constitution and Statute

FIRST DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006

9:00 a.m. Freshmen legislators meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations on the following topics:

- Division of powers and duties among the three branches of government - Responsibilities of the legislative branch
- Legislative branch structure - Committees, officers, employees
- Legislative Council services to legislators
- Affiliated organizations - Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures, Midwestern Higher Education Commission, and Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education

Concurrent computer training sessions - "Tips, Tricks, and Techniques" - for returning legislators assigned notebook computers. Each session is 90 minutes in length and is limited to 12 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk.

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9:00 a.m.

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(Sakakawea Room)**

9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Senate and House convene in respective chambers

Order of Business

Senate

1. Call to order by Lieutenant Governor Jack Dalrymple
2. Prayer by Reverend Scott Bauman, Charity Lutheran Church, Bismarck
3. Certification of members by Secretary of State
4. Roll call
5. Justice Mary Muehlen Maring administers Oath of Office to newly elected members
6. Explanation and distribution of legislators' packets and other materials - *Jay E. Buringrud, Assistant Director, Legislative Council*

House

1. Call to order by Representative Matthew M. Klein (See NDCC Section 54-03-04)
2. Prayer by Reverend Stephen Wisthoff, First Baptist Church, Bismarck
3. Certification of members by Secretary of State
4. Roll call
5. Justice Daniel J. Crothers administers Oath of Office to newly elected members
6. Explanation and distribution of legislators' packets and other materials - *John D. Olsrud, Director, Legislative Council*

1:45 p.m. Recess

2:00 p.m. Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of organizational matters in assigned rooms:
Senate Majority - Fort Totten Room
Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room
House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room
House Minority - Prairie Room

2:20 p.m. Senate and House reconvene

Senate

7. Election of Secretary of the Senate
8. Election of Journal Reporter
9. Election of Sergeant-at-Arms
10. Lieutenant Governor administers Oath of Office to Secretary of the Senate, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms
11. Election of President Pro Tem
12. Adoption of temporary rules

House

7. Election of Chief Clerk of House
8. Election of Journal Reporter
9. Election of Sergeant-at-Arms
10. Former Speaker administers Oath of Office to Chief Clerk of House, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms
11. Election of Speaker and administration of Oath of Office by former Speaker
12. Adoption of temporary rules

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| <p>13. Selection of seats</p> <p>14. Appointment of procedural committees:</p> <p>a. Temporary committee to inform Governor and House that Senate is organized (3)</p> <p>b. Committee on Committees (8)</p> <p>c. Delayed Bills (5)</p> <p>d. Committee Rooms (3)</p> <p>e. Employment (5)</p> <p>f. Correction and Revision of the Journal (3)</p> <p>g. Rules (9)</p> <p>h. Inaugural Planning (3)</p> <p>15. Committee and administrative announcements</p> <p>a. Each legislator must meet with photographer for taking official photograph before adjournment.</p> <p>b. Returning legislators assigned notebook computers can sign up for training courses scheduled for Tuesday. Signup lists at Legislative Council receptionist's desk.</p> | <p>13. Selection of seats</p> <p>14. Appointment of procedural committees:</p> <p>a. Temporary committee to inform Governor and Senate that House is organized (3)</p> <p>b. Committee on Committees (10)</p> <p>c. Delayed Bills (5)</p> <p>d. Committee Rooms (3)</p> <p>e. Employment (5)</p> <p>f. Correction and Revision of the Journal (5)</p> <p> a. Rules (7)</p> <p>g. Inaugural Planning (3)</p> |
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3:00 p.m. Adjournment until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday

3:15 p.m. Meeting of Rules and Employment Committees of each house in announced committee rooms
Meeting of Senate Committee on Committees and House Committee on Committees
Meeting of any other committee at the call of the chairman as announced prior to recess
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SECOND DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006

9:00 a.m. Reconvene in respective chambers
Prayer by Chaplain (Senate - Reverend Keith Ritchie, Cornerstone Community Church, Bismarck; House - Reverend Donna Dohrmann, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck)
Roll call and announcements

9:10 a.m. **Joint Session - House Chamber**

Report of findings and recommendations of committees of the Legislative Council by the chairman, director, and legislative budget analyst and auditor

Presentation by Representative Lawrence R. Klemin, North Dakota Commission on Uniform State Laws, regarding uniform state laws

10:15 a.m. Recess

10:45 a.m. Legislators not otherwise occupied meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations and a question and answer session on the legislative process:

- Explanation of legislative rules (15 minutes)
- Explanation of daily routine of the House and Senate - Floor procedures, orders of business, "carrying" bills (15 minutes)
- Explanation of procedure bill follows to become law - Introduction, hearings, amendment, crossover, conference committee, final passage, presentation to Governor (15 minutes)
- Prefiling of bills (5 minutes)

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House Legislative Wellness Program

1. Speaker announces that the House will receive a presentation under the legislative wellness program, as required under NDCC Section 54-52.1-14.
2. Presentation on stress management by a representative of the St. Alexius employee assistance program.

Senate Legislative Ethics Session

1. President announces that discussion will be of joint rules on legislative ethics
2. Presentation on legislative ethics and laws and rules governing the activities and conduct of public officials - *Jay E. Buringrud, Assistant Director, Legislative Council*
3. Remarks on legislative ethics - Majority Leader
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5. Presentation on sexual harassment issues - Ms. Linda Jensen, Director of Training and Development, Human Resource Management Services

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2:30 p.m. Adjournment until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday

Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of legislative rules amendments:

- Senate Majority - Fort Totten Room
- Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room
- House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room
- House Minority - Prairie Room

Meetings of committees at call of the chairmen

2:45 p.m. Legislators not otherwise occupied meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations on the purpose and use of legislative documents:

- Bills, resolutions, amendments (committee reports), Session Laws, and North Dakota Century Code (20 minutes)
- Calendars, journals, bill status reports, fiscal notes (10 minutes)
- Budget status reports and executive budget report (10 minutes)
- Committee minutes, Legislative Council reports - Legislative Council's library collection (10 minutes)

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THIRD DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

8:30 a.m. Call to order in respective chambers

Prayer by Chaplain (Senate - Reverend Al Shaner, Grace Lutheran Brethren Church, Bismarck; House - Reverend Dan Sweeney, Chaplain, Bismarck Police Department)

Roll call

Recess

- 8:40 a.m. Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of committee assignments:
 Senate Majority - Fort Totten Room
 Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room
 House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room
 House Minority - Prairie Room
- 9:10 a.m. Reconvene
 Committee reports (including announcements of standing committee appointments)
 Selection and administration of oath of any officer not selected on Tuesday
 Adoption of permanent rules
 All other unfinished business
 Announcements
- 9:40 a.m. Recess
- 9:55 a.m. Reconvene in House chamber
- 10:00 a.m. **Joint Session - House Chamber**
 Presentation by Governor John Hoeven of the executive budget and revenue proposals
- 10:45 a.m. Adjourn
- 11:00 a.m. Budget Section convenes in Senate chamber

NOTE: Computer training for new legislators. New legislators can sign up to receive personal computers and the required training in the use of the computers. This includes signout of personal computers, review of policies governing computer use, and training on software programs used by legislators. Classes are six hours in length. The class for new legislators **with experience** in the use of computers is from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. The class for legislators **with limited experience** in the use of computers is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk.

NOTE: LAWS system training for all legislators. Legislators can sign up to receive training on the Legislator's Automated Work Station (LAWS) system, which is the system for obtaining legislative information during the session. The training will be in the Brynhild Haugland Room. Classes are two and one-half hours in length (8:30 to 11:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.) and are limited to 49 legislators at a time, on a first-come, first-served basis. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. Training classes are scheduled for Tuesday, January 2.

NOTE: The Budget Section will meet in the Senate chamber Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. All legislators named to the Appropriations Committees, the majority and minority leaders and their assistants, and the Speaker of the House serve on the Budget Section. Other legislators also may attend the Budget Section meeting.