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

The prayer was offered by Father Marvin Klemmer, Ascension Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Andrist, Lindaas, Stenehjem, and Taylor.

A quorum was declared by the President.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

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

Page 563, line 31, replace "**MINORITY**" with "**MAJORITY**"

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

MOTION

SEN CHRISTMANN MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Honorable Senator Byron Dorgan to the rostrum, which motion prevailed. The President appointed Sens. Oehlke and Krauter.

REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE BYRON DORGAN, UNITED STATES SENATOR

Members of the State Senate, especially the Lt. Governor, Father, Thank you very much for inviting me to say a few words to you here today. I should tell you that a few days ago I was in New Mexico, touring the national laboratories, Los Alamos and Sandia, and I picked up the morning paper from Albuquerque. I think the cut line said you were so excited about the budget surplus that you did snow angels in the front of the capitol building. May be I missed the cut line but there was certainly a wonderful North Dakota picture in the New Mexico papers.

I'm really pleased to be here and I should tell you that while I work for North Dakota in the federal government, I don't want to be burdened by all of the federal government's positions on issues. As you know, the federal government at this point takes the position that we don't have enough prairie dogs in North Dakota. Let me disavow that position if I might and that we have too many elk in North Dakota. The implication is we might deal with these elk by hiring paid sharpshooters and helicopters to send the carcasses out of the park and let me disavow that as well. With respect to prairie dogs, they talk about the need for addition prairie dogs because they want to introduce the black footed ferret in North Dakota. The last black footed ferret reported to have been sighted in North Dakota was 20 years ago by someone who was reported to have been drunk. So to reintroduce the black footed ferret they need prairie dogs which are food for the black footed ferret - a position which I do not embrace. With respect to the elk, the proposition that some have advanced is that we might want to hire sharpshooters to harvest elk in our park and then use helicopters to ferry them out is something i also disavow. It seems we don't need to pay money for sharpshooters or helicopters. What we might want to consider is North Dakota sportsmen with pickup trucks. I'm going to introduce legislation in the U S Senate next Monday when we return suggesting there is a better way for the park service to use volunteers who will harvest the necessary elk in a way that makes some sense.

I mentioned the national laboratories that I just toured. I'm chairman of the subcommittee that's going to fund all of the national laboratories and the energy and water projects and other issues. We're touring laboratories and there are things going on that are breathtaking. Both breathtaking changes and breathtaking speed. Let me talk about a couple of them. What I've learned recently: a teraflop. I didn't know what a teraflop was. A teraflop is the measurement of the advanced computer system. Ten years ago at our national laboratory in Sandia, we created a world advanced computer system that meets teraflop standards - that is to calculate one trillion functions in one second. And to do that they put together a computer system that took 2400 square feet, the size of a big house, and took one half megawatt of power, which would heat a hundred homes. That's a teraflop. Now they compute on an advanced computer system at the teraflop level. One trillion functions in one second on a chip the size of a dime

and the power to do that is the equivalent of a 60 watt light bulb. Think of what is happening in our life times in a short period of time. One laboratory explained to me that they are studying termites. We all know about termites. You know why they are studying termites? And if you read about it in the paper that we're wasting money studying termites, consider for a moment what it is. A termite eats the wood in your home and then produces in their gut system, in the digestive system, two gases, methane, which is not unusual, and hydrogen. And scientists are trying to evaluate how it is that this little termite has a digestive system with 200 strains of bacteria that allows them to eat wood and create hydrogen gas, because we don't know how to do that and if we could figure out how to turn wood into hydrogen, then we'd have something. So we are studying the termite. They showed me examples of engines that you cannot see with the human eye complete with the gears and electronics. Engines you cannot see with the human eye. Nanotechnology. My point is that there are breathtaking changes occurring at breathtaking speeds and you know, you meet once every two years. We meet and we talk and we talk about the policy and the politics of all of these things in our country. Things are moving so fast. Toffler wrote the book Future Shock long ago and talked about dizzying disorientation, having trouble just finding footing and that certainly happens.

Let me talk for a couple of minutes about what we are achieving in our country and especially here. You know, we have an overwhelming interest in agriculture because we are an agriculture state, and I'll just mention to you two quick things. Number one, this is the year in which we are writing a new farm bill. That's very important to all of us, to get it right, do it well. And second, we need to pass the disaster bill. The last opportunity to do that would be when the President's 100 billion dollar emergency funding request comes to the Appropriations Committee. I intend to offer the disaster amendment once again. It will be perhaps two or four weeks from now, perhaps even a little later than that, but that will be the last chance to get disaster relief and we need it. We've had farmers that lost everything - farmers and ranchers that lost everything in our state, and we need to get disaster help and get it through and get it to the President. So, that's something that's a part of our future. I just held a hearing this morning on the issue of cattle coming in from Canada. The Secretary of Agriculture acts like he wants to have a Canadian cattle drive into this country. It doesn't make any sense to me. They have had ten cases of BSE. It doesn't make any sense to me that we open that border at this point and subject a very important industry in this country to the problems that that would create.

Let me talk for a moment about big ideas. Issues of technology and science. we are an agricultural state but we're changing and there is so much opportunity and hope. We can and we are building world class technology centers here in North Dakota. It was in 2002 that I called a meeting in Fargo of all of the presidents of the colleges in this state. The Governor came over and we had a rather lengthy meeting about an idea I had about creating a technology corridor - Red River Valley Corridor. A corridor in which we would create world class capability; instead of our kids going somewhere else to get jobs we'd have industries and businesses come here. In the intervening years, I've, through my Appropriations work, put over 300 million plus dollars, just over 300 million dollars investment into a series of projects, some of you in this room have been a part of those projects. But whether it's biomedicine, a hydrogen technology center, etc., we are doing things that are unbelievable here in North Dakota and they are going to attract and create new industries and new jobs.

In the new field of technology and nanotechnology, microtechnology, new fields of science, you don't have to be somewhere in a population center to have world class capabilities and then attract people to come to you. We can do that and are doing that here in North Dakota. An economist at NDSU just did an evaluation of what all this has meant so far and so far it's meant about 750 million dollars in added value in the last five years and some thousands of added jobs in our state. But it is just a start and I know you have played a role in that as well with your centers of excellence and the kind of funding that has existed. This doesn't just happen. The future is what we make our future to be, a vision of deciding that and deciding that we can be world class in the new opportunities and new jobs. Yes, even in the Northern Great Plains we can be world class. That's something that we can make happen if we decide to make it happen.

I wanted to mention that the second piece of this for our state in addition to the Red River Research Corridor with new science and technology is the issue of an energy corridor. I've included some funding in some appropriations legislation and I'm going to continue to work on that this year in the fiscal year 2008 appropriation that will take effect on October 1 to create an energy corridor in North Dakota. No state has more capability than we do. Yes, we have the fossil fuels, coal, oil, and natural gas but we have the biofuels ethanol and biodiesel. We have wind energy. No state can produce a more diverse kind of energy than North Dakota for a world that is hungry for energy. The fact is whether it's in western North Dakota and the Bakken Shale, and you are all familiar with the Bakken Shale, we don't know what that's going to mean for our state. If the recoverable oil in the Bakken Shale is any where near what some suggest it will be this will be a very, very big part of our energy future. Now the scientist that evaluated what was in the Bakken Shale died. The US Geological Survey is now going back to

review that information and recreate that information. We will know within about a year what the US Geological Survey believes is the recoverable reserves in the Bakken Shale oil field. But if it is what some believe, it is going to be an unbelievable boon to the economy of the state and for our contribution to an energy hungry world.

We are also involved in so many other areas. We are going to continue to use fossil fuels, coal and natural gas. The question of the conditions under which we use coal are very important questions because at the same time that we deal with this energy issue, our country can't operate without energy, at the same time we do that we understand that there is a climate change. There are issues of climate change. There is a scientific consensus on that - a few discordant voices- but by and large there's a scientific consensus that something is happening to our climate and so we need to continue to use our coal. We need to have clean coal technology that unlocks the mysteries of how to use that coal in the zero emissions plant, how to remove the mercury from that coal. We can do that. I believe we can do that and we will do that. Ethanol - everyone is interested in ethanol, no one more than me. We use 145 billion gallons of fuel a year in this country. I helped write the renewable fuels standard in the United States Senate. We wrote 8 billion gallons, we got in the conference and it is 7.5 billion gallons. We are going to exceed that and be at 10 billion gallons of ethanol by 2010 we expect. The President says let's go to 35 billion gallons. If you blend 10 percent with every gallon of fuel we use in this country, you can only use 14.5 billion gallons of ethanol. So how are we going to be able to use more than that? The only way to use more than that is with E-85 and blend pumps. We have 15 thousand flex fuel vehicles on the road in North Dakota and only 24 places where you can stop and buy E-85. There is some disconnect there. I really believe what Secretary Bodman said that this issue of renewable fuels standards is the state's business. It's the federal government's business as well. It's your business as well and I hope you consider renewable fuel with respect to energy but whatever it is we do it together. We have to sort this all out so that we are producing the energy we need when we need it and become less and less dependent on oil from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Venezuela, and more. This is very important and something that I believe will make a big difference in our state's economy in the future.

I'm going to be chairing the appropriation committee that funds all of the energy issues. Some are water issues. We had a meeting on water yesterday. I know that you grapple with water issues. Ninety percent of the surface water in North Dakota is Missouri River water. Our promise has been to be able to use that surface water for beneficial uses throughout our state. Now we see very significant problems. We have too much water in Devil's Lake, too little water in the Missouri River, the eighth year of drought in the Missouri River. The minimal barge industry is consuming too much water, a recreation and tourism and fishing in the north is ten times larger than the barge industry down south and an incompetent Corps of Engineers have managed the river for the minimal barge industry. It makes no sense to me and we have to work all of us together to try to change that so we get out of this river system what we have long been promised.

I want to mention just two other items. One is the federal budget. You know and I know you are blessed to be meeting at a time when you have a budget surplus. I don't know how that feels at this point. It's been some while for the federal government but the federal government is not in that situation. We have a fiscal policy that is terribly out of balance. We need to fix it. It's up to all of us to fix it and it's this country's urgent need to fix it. Now as we do that, clearly there is going to be budget pressure on the spending on issues that will affect some of the things you discuss here in this chamber. You understand that, I'm sure already. I don't need to remind you but that is a fact of life. We're going to have a budget restraint in a range of areas that will affect the things that you work on where we have spending priorities in which there are matches between federal and state government, etc.

I want to finish by telling you a moment about the issue of Iraq, because the issue of Iraq casts a shadow on everything else we do. It affects fiscal policy, it affects virtually everything else. We are in a situation where there isn't a good answer to what is happening in Iraq. All of us share, no matter what the political persuasion, we share the same interest. We want our country to succeed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the men and women who answer their country's call, some of whom have given the ultimate sacrifice - many others who have come home without arms and legs and significant wounds. All of us want the same thing. We are in a situation in Iraq at the moment where we have troops in the middle of what is a civil strife - civil conflict. The national intelligence estimate was just released. That national intelligence estimate done by all the heads of the agencies that contribute to what should be our body of intelligence has concluded that much of what is happening in Iraq, by far the bulk of what is happening, is civil strife: Shia against Sunni; Sunni against Shia. General Abizaid came to the US congress two and a half months ago and he said this: "I called all my commanders together and I asked them the question will adding more troops in Iraq be helpful?" He said every one of them said no. He said they said no because they believed the signal is if we do more the Iraqis can do less.

Mr. Negroponte, who just left as head of intelligence of our country, two and a half weeks ago testified before the US Congress. He said this: "The greatest terrorist threat to our country is Al Qaeda and its leadership and its network around the world. It exists in a secure hideaway in Pakistan." They are of course the ones who murdered innocent Americans. They are the ones who boasted about it. They are the ones who continue to control Al Qaeda around the world today. I think it ought to be one of our highest priorities to eliminate the Al Qaeda leadership, if we have the troop surge. I must say I don't think there is any lengthy period of time in which we can continue to keep troops in Iraq.

Through it all let me tell you I serve in public service and I know you do as well because you have enduring hope. You don't decide to run for reelection, you don't decide to come here and look through the bills and serve on the committee and come to the floor the vote on bills and answer the gavel of the Lt. Governor because you think it's a really good time. You do it because you have hope about the future of the country.

Thomas Wolfe said it in a book he wrote, **You Can't Go Home Again**, back in the Thirties. He said that "The Americans are filled with an almost quenchless hope, an indestructible belief, a boundless optimism that something good is about to turn up, something good is about to happen. That is the peculiar soul of the American people." I suspect that that is the enduring value of all of you, certainly of me, who wakes up every day believing that there's reason for hope for this great country of ours. Thank you for inviting me and I wish you well as you continue your legislative session. God bless you.

MOTION

SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED that the remarks of the Honorable Byron Dorgan be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1045: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 11-18-03 and a new subsection to section 38-18.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing of a statement of succession in interest to abandoned minerals; and to amend and reenact section 38-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing of a statement of succession in interest to abandoned minerals.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bakke; Behm; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fiebigler; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Hacker; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; O'Connell; Oehlke; Olafson; Pomeroy; Potter; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Triplett; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Warner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

Engrossed HB 1045 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1206: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 19-03.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to drug addiction evaluations.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bakke; Behm; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fiebigler; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Hacker; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; O'Connell; Oehlke; Olafson; Pomeroy; Potter; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Triplett; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Warner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

HB 1206 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1048: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 38-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to trusts for unlocatable mineral, leasehold, and royalty interest owners; and to repeal chapter 38-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to execution of oil and gas instruments affecting interests owned by absent persons.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 42 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bakke; Behm; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fiebiger; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Hacker; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; O'Connell; Oehlke; Olafson; Pomeroy; Potter; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Triplett; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Warner

NAYS: Fischer

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

Engrossed HB 1048 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1224: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 19-03.1-23, subsection 3 of section 29-10.2-05, and section 31-13-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing expunged records to sealed records.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bakke; Behm; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fiebiger; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Hacker; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; O'Connell; Oehlke; Olafson; Pomeroy; Potter; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Triplett; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Warner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

Engrossed HB 1224 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1257: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-16-39.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the payment of oil and gas royalties when title to the property producing the oil and gas is in dispute.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bakke; Behm; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fiebiger; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Hacker; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; O'Connell; Oehlke; Olafson; Pomeroy; Potter; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Triplett; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Warner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

Engrossed HB 1257 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1333: A BILL for an Act to provide that expressions of empathy by health care providers are inadmissible in civil actions; and to provide for application.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 43 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson; Bakke; Behm; Bowman; Christmann; Cook; Dever; Erbele; Fiebiger; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Grindberg; Hacker; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Klein; Krauter; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; O'Connell; Oehlke; Olafson; Pomeroy; Potter; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Triplett; Urlacher; Wanzek; Wardner; Warner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

Engrossed HB 1333 passed and the title was agreed to.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1367: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 3 of section 53-06.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the games of chance that may be conducted by licensed organizations at a single site.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 14 YEAS, 29 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Bakke; Behm; Cook; Grindberg; Heckaman; Heitkamp; Klein; Krauter; Marcellais; O'Connell; Olafson; Potter; Triplett; Wardner

NAYS: Anderson; Bowman; Christmann; Dever; Erbele; Fiebiger; Fischer; Flakoll; Freborg; Hacker; Holmberg; Horne; Kilzer; Krebsbach; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Lyson; Mathern; Nelson; Nething; Oehlke; Pomeroy; Robinson; Seymour; Tallackson; Tollefson; Urlacher; Wanzek; Warner

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Andrist; Lindaas; Stenehjerm; Taylor

HB 1367 lost.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (WILLIAM R. HORTON, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4010.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (WILLIAM R. HORTON, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: HB 1454.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MR. PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SCR 4010.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)

MR. PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1454.

MOTION

SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. CHRISTMANN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, and Thirteenth orders of business today and on the Thirty-fourth day and at the conclusion of those orders today, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2007, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1122, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1122 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1387, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1387 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1001: A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 and a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorized purchases under state contracts and to legislative council review of agency implementation of appropriation acts, including legislative intent items; to provide for transfers; and to declare an emergency.

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

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**.

HB 1003: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota university system; to provide for transfer of funds; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to limit student tuition rates; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative council study; to amend and reenact section 15-10-43 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the contract with the Kansas state university veterinary medical education program; to repeal sections 1 and 2 of House Bill No. 1031, as approved by the sixtieth legislative assembly, relating to the budgeting process; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.

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

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 23-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to collecting fees for tanning facility inspections; to amend and reenact section 23-01-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to tracking immunizations; and to provide legislative intent.

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

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**.

HB 1006: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the aeronautics commission; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of a rural airport economic development fund.

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

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

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

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**.

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**.

HB 1010: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the council on the arts.

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

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**.

HB 1012: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of transportation; and to amend and reenact section 57-40.3-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle excise tax collections.

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

HB 1013: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commissioner of university and school lands; and to provide for distribution amounts from permanent funds.

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

HB 1014: 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 authorize transfers; to provide an exemption; to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09.17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to partnership in assisting community expansion fund incentive limitations; to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 6-09-15 and section 6-09.17-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers of the Bank of North Dakota and the biodiesel partnership in assisting community expansion fund; to provide a contingent appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

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

HB 1015: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12-65-08 and subsection 2 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for the interstate transfer or travel of probationers and supervision fees; to provide an exemption; to provide legislative intent; to provide for budget section approval; and to declare an emergency.

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

HB 1016: 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**.

HB 1017: 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**.

HB 1018: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of commerce; to provide an appropriation to the department of career and technical education; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide for reports to the sixty-first legislative assembly; to provide for a report to the legislative council; to provide exemptions; to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-20.1 and a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a program to provide grants for innovation and to create a beginning again North Dakota pilot program; and to provide an expiration date.

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

HB 1019: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for career and technical education.

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

HB 1020: 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; to amend and reenact section 24-02-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the central motor pool; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for a study; to authorize hemp seed procurement; to provide an exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

HB 1021: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the information technology department; to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-02 and a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the superintendent of public instruction and the borrowing authority of the information technology department; and to declare an emergency.

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

HB 1022: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state seed department.

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

HB 1023: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents.

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

HB 1024: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the racing commission.

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

HB 1030: 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**.

HB 1031: 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**.

HB 1032: 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**.

HB 1459: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for state agency and institution extraordinary repairs; to provide for budget section tour group review; and to provide for a report.

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

The Senate stood adjourned pursuant to Senator Christmann's motion.

William R. Horton, Secretary

