

**Second Day of Legislative Organizational Session****JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE****Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly**

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**Bismarck, December 6, 2016**

The House convened at 9:00 a.m., with Speaker Bellew presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Rich Wyatt, Living Hope Nazarene, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Rick C. Becker, Kreidt, Marschall, Paur, Schatz, Schmidt, Schobinger, Simons, and Zubke.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**MOTION**

**REP. VIGESAA MOVED** that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor and the Senate that the House is organized and ready to transact business, which motion prevailed. Speaker Devlin appointed Reps. Brabandt, Rohr, and O'Brien to the committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SPEAKER BELLEW ANNOUNCED** that the House would stand at ease to receive the Senate for a Joint Session.

**JOINT SESSION**

**SPEAKER BELLEW CALLED** the Joint Session to order and introduced Jim Smith, Director of the Legislative Council, for his report. Director Smith also gave the report of the Chairman of Legislative Management as Chairman Holmberg was absent due to snow.

John Bjornson, Legal Division Director of the Legislative Council, gave a presentation on legislative ethics and laws and rules governing the activities and conduct of public officials.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SENATOR POOLMAN ANNOUNCED** that a committee of three including Sens. Vedaas, Poolman, and Piepkorn had notified the Governor and the House that the Senate is organized and ready to transact business.

**MOTION**

**REP. VIGESAA ANNOUNCED** that there would be a short recess before the House would reconvene and moved that the Joint Session be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

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

**SPEAKER BELLEW CALLED** upon House Majority Leader Carlson and Minority Leader Mock who gave their remarks on legislative ethics.

**MOTION**

**REP. VIGESAA MOVED** that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

**MOTION**

**REP. VIGESAA MOVED** that the House stand adjourned until 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2016, which motion prevailed.

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

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**

