JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, April 13, 2023

The Senate convened at 12:30 p.m., with President Miller presiding.

The prayer was offered by Station Manager, KNDR/KXRP Radio, Brad Bales, Mandan.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Dever, Meyer, and J. Roers.

A quorum was declared by the President.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the Twenty-fourth, Thirty-third, and Sixty-third Days and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 443, line 6, replace “16” with “13”

Page 443, line 7, replace “22” with “19”

Page 443, line 8, replace “28” with “25”

Page 443, replace line 9 with:

“Page 2, after line 29, insert:”

Page 443, line 6, replace “16” with “13”

Page 443, line 7, replace “22” with “19”

Page 443, line 8, replace “28” with “25”

Page 443, replace line 9 with:

“Page 2, after line 29, insert:”

Page 747, line 4, replace “20” with “17”

Page 747, remove line 5

Page 1568, line 39, remove “and has”

Page 1568, line 40, remove “committee recommendation of DO PASS,”

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1018, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1018 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

Page 1, line 3, replace "subsection 4 of section 21-10-13, sections 54-60-22," with "10-30.5-04, 10-30.5-05,"

Page 1, line 4, after the third comma insert "54-60.2-01,"

Page 1, line 6, replace "workforce enhancement council" with "North Dakota development fund"

Page 1, line 9, remove "and"

Page 1, line 9, after "report" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, remove lines 19 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 5 with:

"Salaries and wages	$12,835,431	$2,672,817	$15,508,248
Operating expenses	17,317,760	8,116,440	25,434,200
Grants	50,232,330	86,115,351	136,347,681
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	0	2,150,000
Workforce programs	0	30,000,000	30,000,000
COVID-19 response	0	16,739,696	16,739,696
Weatherization and energy programs	0	210,000,000	210,000,000
Partner programs	1,562,531	(654,611)	907,920
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	0	948,467
Total all funds	$85,046,519	$352,989,693	$438,036,212
Less estimated income	53,544,379	318,013,053	371,557,432
Total general fund	$31,502,140	$34,976,640	$66,478,780
Full-time equivalent positions	58.80	7.00	65.80"

Page 2, replace lines 12 through 19 with:

"Beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system	20,000,000	20,000,000
Enhanced use lease grant	7,000,000	7,000,000
Workforce grants to tribally controlled community colleges	500,000	2,500,000
Workforce safety grant	1,500,000	0
Job development and economic growth grant	1,500,000	0
Tourism marketing	7,000,000	5,000,000
Tourism destination development initiative	0	50,000,000
Technical skills training grants	6,000,000	2,000,000"

Page 2, replace lines 24 and 25 with:

"Discretionary funds	1,000,000	0
Small business credit initiative	56,234,176	572,143"

Page 3, replace lines 1 through 5 with:

"Rural workforce housing grant program	0	2,000,000
Workforce talent attraction initiative	0	14,000,000
Workforce investment grant program	0	12,500,000"

Page 3, replace line 7 with:

"New Americans workforce training grants	0	1,500,000
Regional council grant program	0	4,000,000
Weatherization and energy assistance program	0	210,000,000"

Page 3, replace lines 10 through 13 with:

"Heating and cooling grant program	0	3,258,084
Total all funds	$138,574,496	$351,146,946
Less estimated income	135,409,064	318,246,946
Total general fund	$3,165,432	$32,900,000"

Page 3, line 22, replace "**LEGACY EARNINGS**" with "**STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**"

Page 3, line 23, remove "Pursuant to the designation of"

Page 3, remove line 24

Page 3, line 25, replace the first "the" with "The"

Page 3, line 25, replace "$20,000,000" with "$5,000,000"

Page 3, line 25, remove "legacy"

Page 3, line 26, replace "earnings" with "strategic investment and improvements"

Page 3, line 31, replace "$30,000,000" with "$65,000,000"

Page 4, remove lines 3 through 31

Page 5, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 6, replace lines 1 through 7 with:

"**SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - FEDERAL WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes $210,000,000 from federal funds derived from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act for weatherization and energy assistance programs. Of the full-time equivalent positions included in section 1 of this Act, the department of commerce is authorized three positions for the administration of weatherization and energy assistance programs for the 2023-25 biennium. The full-time equivalent positions identified in this section are considered one-time positions."

Page 6, line 9, after the boldfaced dash insert "**REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANTS -**"

Page 6, line 10, replace "$98,500,000" with "$88,000,000"

Page 6, line 11, replace "$7,000,000" with "$2,000,000"

Page 6, line 12, replace "$25,000,000" with "$50,000,000"

Page 6, line 13, remove "grant"

Page 6, line 13, replace "$30,000,000" with "$20,000,000"

Page 6, line 14, replace "$28,000,000" with "$7,000,000"

Page 6, line 14, remove "$2,000,000 is for new"

Page 6, remove line 15

Page 6, line 16, replace "grant to an organization that provides workforce safety" with "and $4,000,000 is for a regional council grant program. The department of commerce shall award funding for the regional council grant program equally to the eight regional councils established in the state to support the planning, development, and implementation of economic development, community infrastructure, entrepreneurship, housing, child care, and workforce development initiatives in rural communities in accordance with chapter 54-40.1"

Page 6, line 18, remove "grant"

Page 6, line 19, after the period insert "The department of commerce may provide funding for the tourism destination development initiative program in the form of program grants or grants for interest rate buydowns."

Page 6, line 21, replace "the sum of $6,500,000" with "$1,500,000"

Page 6, line 21, replace "general" with "strategic investment and improvements"

Page 6, line 21, after "fund" insert "as identified in section 7 of this Act"

Page 6, after line 31, insert:

"**SECTION 9. WORKFORCE PROGRAMS.** The workforce programs line item in section 1 of this Act includes $30,000,000 from the general fund for workforce-related programs, of which $14,000,000 is for the workforce talent attraction initiative, $12,500,000 is for the workforce investment grant program, $2,000,000 is for technical skills training grants, and $1,500,000 is for new Americans workforce development and training grants."

Page 7, line 6, replace "appropriated" with "identified"

Page 7, line 13, replace "$5,000,000" with "$2,500,000"

Page 7, after line 20, insert:

"**SECTION 13. ENTREPRENEURSHIP GRANTS AND VOUCHER PROGRAM.** The entrepreneurship grants and voucher line item in section 1 of this Act includes $948,467, of which $740,956 is from the general fund and $207,511 is from the economic development fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the entrepreneurship grants and voucher program. The department shall establish guidelines to provide grants under the program.

Page 11, remove lines 29 and 30

Page 12, remove lines 1 through 30

Page 13, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"**SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-30.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10-30.5-04. Powers.

The corporation must be organized as a nonprofit corporation. In addition to the powers in chapter 10-33, the corporation may:

1. Cooperate and contract with and provide funding to any private or public entity.

2. Receive appropriations from the legislative assembly and other public moneys as well as contributions from other private or public contributors. The funds for the entrepreneurship awards under section 10-30.5-12 may not exceed one million dollars.

3. Provide management services for the Bank's alternative and venture capital investments and early-stage capital funds.

SECTION 22. AMENDMENT. Section 10-30.5-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10-30.5-05. Management.

1. The director of the department of commerce division of economic development and finance shall appoint the chief executive officer of the corporation. The board of directors shall determine minimum qualifications of all other staff positions.

2. If the chief executive officer of the corporation is absent for more than five consecutive days or is anticipated to be absent for more than five consecutive days, the chief executive officer may delegate the duties and responsibilities of the chief executive officer to the director of the department of commerce division of economic development and finance, or the director's designee.

3. All investments, contracts, partnerships, limited liability companies, and business transactions of the corporation are the responsibility of the chief executive officer and the board of directors. The board may provide that normal operating costs anticipated in an approved budget may be incurred and paid without prior board approval."

Page 14, after line 18, insert:

"**SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-60.2-01. Establishment of workforce development grant for tribally controlled community colleges.

There is established within the division of workforce development of the department of commerce a program to provide workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges in North Dakota. A tribally controlled community college in this state may apply to the department of commerce for a job training grant in such manner as the department of commerce prescribes. The department of commerce shall consult with the executive director of the Indian affairs commission to determine eligible tribally controlled community colleges ~~and shall award grants based on the documented job placement rates at each eligible college~~."

Page 16, line 1, replace "$1,000,000" with "$1,500,000"

Page 16, line 1, replace "general" with "strategic investment and improvements"

Page 16, line 1, remove "discretionary funds in"

Page 16, line 2, replace "section 10 of chapter 15" with "a job development and economic growth grant in section 1 of chapter 46"

Page 17, after line 18, insert:

"**SECTION 31. EMERGENCY.** The $210,000,000 appropriated from federal funds derived from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act in the weatherization and energy programs line item and in the estimated income line item in section 1 of Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1018 - Department of Commerce - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	$12,835,431	$16,764,534	($1,256,286)	$15,508,248
Operating expenses	17,317,760	33,544,200	(8,110,000)	25,434,200
Grants	50,232,330	176,347,681	(40,000,000)	136,347,681
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	2,500,000	(350,000)	2,150,000
COVID-19 response		16,167,553	572,143	16,739,696
Weatherization and energy programs			210,000,000	210,000,000
Partner programs	1,562,531	1,562,531	(654,611)	907,920
Workforce programs			30,000,000	30,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	948,467		948,467
Total all funds	$85,046,519	$247,834,966	$190,201,246	$438,036,212
Less estimated income	53,544,379	171,549,469	200,007,963	371,557,432
General fund	$31,502,140	$76,285,497	($9,806,717)	$66,478,780
FTE	58.80	62.80	3.00	65.80

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases[1]	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool[2]	Transfers Federal Funding Between Line Items[3]	Reduces Funding for Partner Programs[4]	Adjusts Funding for the Heating and Cooling Assistance Programs[5]	Adjusts One-Time Funding for Workforce Initiatives[6]
Salaries and wages	$264,783	($1,631,069)	$110,000			
Operating expenses			(110,000)			($8,000,000)
Grants						(29,000,000)
Discretionary funds						
COVID-19 response						
Weatherization and energy programs						
Partner programs				($654,611)		
Workforce programs						30,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers						
Total all funds	$264,783	($1,631,069)	$0	($654,611)	$0	($7,000,000)
Less estimated income	38,391	(102,571)	0	0	0	(2,000,000)
General fund	$226,392	($1,528,498)	$0	($654,611)	$0	($5,000,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adjusts Other One-Time Funding Initiatives[7]	Adds One-Time Funding for Weatherization and Energy Programs[8]	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages			($1,256,286)
Operating expenses			(8,110,000)
Grants	($11,000,000)		(40,000,000)
Discretionary funds	(350,000)		(350,000)
COVID-19 response	572,143		572,143
Weatherization and energy programs		$210,000,000	210,000,000
Partner programs			(654,611)
Workforce programs			30,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers			
Total all funds	($10,777,857)	$210,000,000	$190,201,246
Less estimated income	(7,927,857)	210,000,000	200,007,963
General fund	($2,850,000)	$0	($9,806,717)
FTE	0.00	3.00	3.00

[1] Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	$226,813	$39,696	$266,509
Health insurance increase	(421)	(1,305)	(1,726)
Total	$226,392	$38,391	$264,783

The House provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

[2] Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	($967,642)	$0	($967,642)
Vacant FTE positions	(560,856)	(102,571)	(663,427)
Total	($1,528,498)	($102,571)	($1,631,069)

[3] Federal funding of $110,000 for the AmeriCorps workforce community services program is transferred from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item for temporary salaries. The House transferred $220,000 of federal funding for the program from the grants line item to the operating expenses line item.

[4] Ongoing funding of $654,611 from the general fund in the partner program line item for the North Dakota Small Business Development Center is removed, resulting in $907,920 from the general fund remaining for partner programs. The House provided $1,562,531 from the general fund for partner programs, the same as the base level.

[5] Federal funding of $2,085,834 added by the House in the COVID-19 response line item for weatherization, heating and furnace, and cooling assistance programs is removed from ongoing funding and added by the Senate as one-time funding.

[6] One-time funding for workforce initiatives is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Adds funding for workforce talent attraction initiative operating expenses to provide $14 million from the general fund in the workforce programs line item. The House provided $8 million from the general fund in the operating expenses line item.	$6,000,000	$0	$6,000,000
Reduces funding for workforce investment program grants to provide a total of $12.5 million from the general fund in the workforce programs line item. The House provided $15 million from the general fund in the grants line item.	(2,500,000)	0	(2,500,000)
Removes funding added by the House for automation workforce transition training grants.	(5,000,000)	0	(5,000,000)
Removes funding added by the House for automation workforce equipment grants.	(5,000,000)	0	(5,000,000)
Transfers $2 million from the general fund for technical skills training grants from the grants line item to the workforce programs line item.	0	0	0
	1,500,000	(2,000,000)	(500,000)
Adjusts funding for new Americans workforce development and training grants by removing funding added by the House from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) in the grants line item and adding funding from the general fund in the workforce programs line item.			
Total	($5,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($7,000,000)

[7] One-time funding for community services, tourism, and uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS), and other workforce initiatives is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Reduces funding for the rural workforce housing grant program to provide a total of $2 million from SIIF, of which $300,000 is for temporary salaries, $200,000 is for operating expenses, and $1.5 million is for grants. The House provided $7 million from SIIF, of which $6.5 million was for grants.	$0	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)
Adds funding for the tourism destination development initiative to provide a total of $50 million from SIIF. The House provided $25 million from SIIF.	0	25,000,000	25,000,000
Reduces funding for the beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) UAS program to provide a total of $20 million from SIIF. The House provided $30 million from SIIF.	0	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)
Reduces funding for the enhanced use lease grant program to provide a total of $7 million from SIIF. The House provided $28 million from SIIF.	0	(21,000,000)	(21,000,000)
Reduces funding for workforce grants to tribally controlled community colleges to provide a total of $2.5 million from the general fund. The House provided $5 million from the general fund.	(2,500,000)	0	(2,500,000)
Removes funding added by the House from SIIF for a workforce safety grant.	0	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Adds funding from SIIF for a regional council grant program. The House did not add funding for this program.	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
Reduces funding for discretionary funds to provide a total of $2.15 million from the general fund, the same as the base level. The House added $350,000 to provide a total of $2.5 million from the general fund.	(350,000)	0	(350,000)
Adds federal funding for the State Small Business Credit Initiative technical assistance program. The House did not add funding for this program.	0	572,143	572,143
Total	($2,850,000)	($7,927,857)	($10,777,857)

[8] One-time funding of $210 million is added from federal funds derived from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) ($120 million) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) ($90 million) for weatherization and energy assistance programs. The Department of Commerce anticipates funding may be available for the following programs:

Program	Federal Funds
State energy program (IIJA)	$3,905,130
Weatherization (IIJA)	15,131,495
Energy efficiency revolving loan fund (IIJA)	4,641,870
Energy efficiency block grant (IIJA)	1,653,240
Home energy performance-based whole-house rebate program (IRA)	37,338,470
High-efficiency electric home rebate program (IRA)	37,121,060
Total	$99,791,265

The department anticipates other states will not use all federal funding awarded for these programs, resulting in additional funding that may be available to North Dakota for an estimated total of $210 million. The department is authorized 3 FTE positions that are considered one-time positions for the administration of these programs.

The House did not add funding for this purpose.

This amendment also:

- Amends a section providing for a transfer to the legacy investment for technology (LIFT) fund for the LIFT program. The House provided for a $20 million transfer from the legacy earnings fund. The Senate provides a $5 million transfer from SIIF.
- Amends a section providing for a transfer from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund. The House provided for a $30 million transfer. The Senate provides for a $65 million transfer.
- Removes a section that provided for a transfer of $120 million from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund for a fertilizer development grant program.
- Adds a section identifying one-time funding and one-time FTE positions for weatherization and energy assistance programs from federal funding available as a result of the federal IIJA and IRA.
- Amends a section identifying funding in Section 1 from SIIF. The House provided $98.5 million. The Senate provides $88 million.
- Amends a section identifying funding for rural workforce housing program grants. The House provided $6.5 million from SIIF. The Senate provides $1.5 million from SIIF.
- Adds a section identifying $30 million from the general fund in a newly created workforce programs line item.
- Amends a section identifying funding for workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges. The House provided $5 million. The Senate provides $2.5 million.
- Adds a section identifying funding available for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program, also known as Innovate ND.
- Removes a section added by the House that amended North Dakota Century Code Section 21-10-13(4), related to legacy earnings fund allocations.
- Adds a section to amend Section 10-30.5-04 to clarify the authority of the North Dakota Development Fund to allow for funding to be provided to private or public entities through North Dakota Development Fund contracts.
- Adds a section to amend Section 10-30.5-05 to provide if the North Dakota Development Fund chief executive officer is absent for more than 5 consecutive days or is anticipated to be absent for more than 5 consecutive days, the Chief Executive Officer may delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer to the Director of the Department of Commerce Division of Economic Development and Finance under Chapter 54-34.3, or the Director's designee.
- Removes a section that amended Section 54-60-22 to expand recommendations provided by the Workforce Enhancement Council to the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce regarding the approval of training grants to include training providers and businesses, rather than only providing recommendations for grants to institutions of higher education.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60.2-01 to remove the requirement that workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges be awarded based on documented job placement rates at each eligible college.
- Removes a subsection providing an exemption for discretionary funds and adds a subsection to provide an exemption for a job development and economic growth grant from the 2021-23 biennium.
- Adds a section to declare the $210 million of federal funds appropriated in Section 1 for weatherization and energy assistance programs to be an emergency measure.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2063, as reengrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Paulson, Clemens, Larsen and Reps. Koppelman, Grueneich, Christensen) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 1265-1266, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2063 on the Seventh order:

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1070 and 1071 of the Senate Journal and pages 1265 and 1266 of the House Journal and that Reengrossed

Senate Bill No. 2063 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact section 24-02-45.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reimbursable federal electric vehicle infrastructure grants; and to provide for a legislative management report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 24-02-45.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

24-02-45.4. Reimbursable federal electric vehicle infrastructure grants - Agreements with public or private entities for the administration of federal aid programs - Report.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law but subject to legislative appropriation, the director may enter agreements and may accept any federal or nonstate funds for the administration of reimbursable electric vehicle charging grant programs.

   a. The director may enter an agreement with any person for the administration, approval, and inspection of a project to be constructed by a public or private entity, or a political subdivision.

   b. The cost-share for any project may consist only of federal, public, political subdivision, or private funding.

   c. A political subdivision may not have an ownership interest in an electric vehicle charging station.

   d. Any federal formula funding for reimbursement grants must be at least ten percent of the cost-share for a project, but may not exceed eighty percent.

   e. The director may establish criteria for the grants and determine a reasonable grant reimbursement cost-share or limit for the project in accordance with federal aid provisions.

2. In accordance with the federal formula program, the director shall establish criteria for the consideration of operation and maintenance costs of the electric charging stations in the grant award.

3. Before July 1, 2024, the department of transportation shall present a report to the legislative management regarding an update on the deployment and administration of electric vehicle charging stations."

Renumber accordingly

Reengrossed SB 2063 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2126: Your conference committee (Sens. Weber, Patten, Piepkorn and Reps. Motschenbacher, Warrey, Ostlie) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments and place SB 2126 on the Seventh order.

SB 2126 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1170: Your conference committee (Sens. Weber, Magrum, Piepkorn and Reps. Hagert, Motschenbacher, Finley-DeVille) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1264, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1170 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1264 of the House Journal

and page 985 of the Senate Journal and that House Bill No. 1170 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a property tax exemption for certain natural gas pipeline property; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 57-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Natural gas pipeline infrastructure to underserved communities - Exemption.

All property, excluding the land on which it is situated, which is part of a natural gas transmission or distribution pipeline system constructed in this state is exempt from taxation for a period of fifteen years following the taxable year in which the pipeline becomes operational. The exemption under this section applies if:

1. Construction of the pipeline commences after January 1, 2023.

2. The pipeline provides service to a city or township located within the state in which the majority of households or businesses did not have access to natural gas service as of January 1, 2023.

3. The pipeline is located within this state.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022."

Renumber accordingly

HB 1170 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1210: Your conference committee (Sens. Rummel, Kannianen, Piepkorn and Reps. Fisher, Motschenbacher, Hatlestad) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1208-1209 and place HB 1210 on the Seventh order.

HB 1210 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1324, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Lee, Barta, Cleary and Reps. Vetter, Hoverson, McLeod) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1487, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1324 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1487 of the House Journal and page 1158 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1324 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 13, overstrike "to determine the validity of the signatures" and insert immediately thereafter "from which the secretary of state may exercise the secretary's judgment as to the validity of the individual signatures or groupings of signatures and other irregularities in the petition, thereby determining whether those signatures are to be counted as part of the necessary signature amount"

Renumber accordingly

Engrossed HB 1324 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1333, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Sickler, Larson, Braunberger

and Reps. Karls, VanWinkle, Roers Jones) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments and place HB 1333 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1333 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1418, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Weston, Clemens, K. Roers and Reps. Fegley, Frelich, Dobervich) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1286 and place HB 1418 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1418 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1439, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Kannianen, Weber, Piepkorn and Reps. Dockter, Grueneich, D. Anderson) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1439 and place HB 1439 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1439 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REQUEST

SEN. KLEIN REQUESTED that the Senate be on the Eighth Order for the purpose of electing a President Pro Tem, which request was granted.

REMARKS OF SENATOR SCHAIBLE

I would like to offer a few words about my friend, Senator Ron Sorvaag.

Ron grew up in Argusville, ND and farmed there from 1976 thru 1999 and still manages to help out during harvest seasons.

Ron and his wife Carla have owned and operated a small business, First Choice Apparel & Embroidery in Fargo since then. Ron and Carla have 2 children and 4 grandchildren which he is always happy to brag about. Ron holds a BA degree in Sociology from Concordia College in Moorhead MN. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of Prosper Farmers Elevator and a longtime commission of the Fargo Park District.

Ron and I started our Senate career together in 2011 and have been sitting together for the last 5 sessions. So, getting him to move for a few days sounds like a good idea.

Ron spent 2 sessions on policy committee and has served the last 5 sessions on appropriations where he has shown his leadership of serving his district and looking out for the best interest of the state. Ron has been a great mentor for me now that I am on appropriation. He has been a leader in Water, Park and Rec and Combative Sports.

Madam President, it is my honor to nominate Senator Ron Sorvaag as the next Senate Pro Temp

REMARKS OF SENATOR BRAUNBERGER

I nominate my seatmate Senator Mathern as president pro tempore for the interim.

Sen. Mathern has been a legislative body member since he cast his vote first during the special session in 1986. He has served in leadership positions, including Minority Leader and Assistant Majority Leader. He has also served on most of the committees available in this body.

As a current appropriations committee member, he has ensured that all sides of the issues are heard to ensure we make the best decisions possible. Even though he is a member of the minority, he is respected by many of us.

As a member of this body, Senator Mathern has been my mentor for interworking Senate rules. He guided me through the different orders of the session, giving me in-depth knowledge of its history. His depth of understanding of the rules is critical to ensuring the Senate will keep moving in an organized manner.

As the senior member of the Senate, Senator Mathern will be an asset as President Pro-tempore.

MOTION

SEN. SCHAIBLE MOVED the Senate cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Ronald Sorvaag as President Pro Tempore, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED a committee of two be appointed to escort the newly elected President Pro Tempore to the rostrum, which motion prevailed. The President appointed Sens. Schaible and Davison.

OATH OF OFFICE

PRESIDENT MILLER ADMINISTERED the Oath of Office to President Pro Tempore Sorvaag

REMARKS OF SENATOR SORVAAG

Senators thank you for your support in selecting me as your President Pro-Tem. Thank you to Senator Schaible for your nomination speech. Thank you to Senator Mathern.

This is an honor to be selected for this position.

I want to start out with a thank you to my wife Carla, who wasn't able to attend today; we have been married for 44 years, 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Without Carla's support I would never have been able to be in this position as a Senator. People always talk about the sacrifices we make to be here, but I have always said Carla makes much more of a sacrifice. She has to keep everything going at home, we run a business together, so she has to handle many of my responsibilities while I'm gone. Adding it up, I realized after this session that I will have missed about 2 1/3 years from work. This has been a true team effort, and I'm thankful every day for her love and support that has allowed me this opportunity.

This is my 7th session in the ND Senate, and it has been a great experience. The trust that my constituents have shown in electing me to this Senate seat representing District 45, it is something I do not take lightly, because this seat does belong to them.

I came in with 10 new Senators in 2011, and now there are only 4 of us left. I think about some of them at times like this, especially my friend Senator Laffen and others, along the ones still here and how we stumbled our way into learning this business of becoming Senators. There is always that special bond because of that experience. I was always bottom of seniority with my group so I never expected to serve long enough to be elected to this position.

I remember picking my first seat in the chamber and how it was explained that my only choice was the seat that was left because I was bottom of seniority amongst 47 Senators. Really none of that was important, what was important was having the chance to serve in this chamber, an opportunity that few North Dakotans ever get, and probably in many cases don't want.

Thinking back on this and many other things over these years I know why I enjoy serving in this Senate. It is the independence we have. I have never felt pressure to vote one way or the other by leadership, or felt I had to vote one way or the other to conform, but rather for what I think is what my constituents would want, how is it good for the state and how does it fit in with my core beliefs.

REMARKS OF SENATOR MATHERN

Thank you Senator Braunberger for your nomination and kind words. You have been a fun and talented seatmate. You have the potential to surpass my years of service in this august body.

While the outcome of this election was not a surprise considering our 43-4 body I appreciate being part of the process!

My congratulations to Senator Sorvaag on his nomination and election as President Pro Tempore. I have appreciated my service with Senator Sorvaag and know he will do a great job. He noted our role as senators and I expand on that, as the role goes beyond our

representing our district.

We have read in an important book that the world was created in 7 days. Senators, I think the world is still being created. You have an important part in that as a state Senator, you create the world in the work you do here. You have an important vocation.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1018, as engrossed: SEN. WANZEK (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments on SJ pages 1643-1650 be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a verification vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1018: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of commerce; to amend and reenact sections 6-09.18-01, 6-09.18-02, 6-09.18-03, 6-09.18-04, 6-09.18-05, 6-09.18-06, and 6-09.18-07, 10-30.5-04, 10-30.5-05, 54-60-28, 54-60-29, 54-60-29.1, 54-60.2-01, and 54-60.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code and subsection 35 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws, relating to the legacy investment for technology program, the North Dakota development fund, the administration of uncrewed aircraft system programs, workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges, and a North Dakota development fund grant program; to provide a transfer; to provide an exemption; to provide for a report; and to declare an emergency.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 32 YEAS, 13 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Clemens; Davison; Estenson; Hogan; Larsen; Larson; Magrum; Paulson; Schaible; Sickler; Wobbema

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Engrossed HB 1018, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

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REQUEST

SEN. KLEIN REQUESTED that the Senate be on the Twelfth Order, which request was granted.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the President appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee from the House as a Conference Committee on Engrossed HB 1020, Engrossed HB 1239, Engrossed HB 1477, Engrossed HB 1487, Engrossed HB 1519, and Engrossed HCR 3035, which motion prevailed.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED as a Conference Committee on:

Engrossed HB 1020: Sens. Erbele, Wanzek, J. Roers
Engrossed HB 1239: Sens. Weber, Myrdal, Lemm
Engrossed HB 1477: Sens. Estenson, Barta, Cleary
Engrossed HB 1487: Sens. Paulson, Myrdal, Larson
Engrossed HB 1519: Sens. Conley, Larsen, Clemens
Engrossed HCR 3035: Sens. Lee, Braunberger, Estenson

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2003 as printed on SJ pages 1543-1550, in the House amendments to

Engrossed SB 2010 as printed on SJ pages 1524-1527, in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2017 as printed on SJ pages 1569-1571, in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2018 as printed on SJ pages 1571-1573, in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2024 as printed on SJ pages 1575-1576, in the House amendments to SB 2240 as printed on SJ page 1535, in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2279 as printed on SJ pages 1536-1539, and in the House amendments to SB 2326 as printed on SJ page 1541 and that a conference committee be appointed to meet with a like committee from the House on each of these measures, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED the following appointments to a Conference Committee on:
Engrossed SB 2003: Sens. Dwyer, J. Roers, Wanzek.
Engrossed SB 2010: Sens. Vedaa, J. Roers, Wanzek.
Engrossed SB 2017: Sens. Meyer, Schaible, Rust.
Engrossed SB 2018: Sens. Meyer, Sorvaag, Krebsbach.
Engrossed SB 2024: Sens. Davison, Dever, Mathern.
SB 2240: Sens. Burckhard, Meyer, J. Roers.
Engrossed SB 2279: Sens. Luick, Myrdal, Lemm.
SB 2326: Sens. Kessel, Kannianen, Patten.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. J. ROERS MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2005 as printed on SJ pages 1520-1521, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2005, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2005: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state treasurer; and to amend and reenact section 54-11-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state treasurer.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 42 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Estenson; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Mathern; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Larsen; Magrum; Myrdal

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2005 passed.

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CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. KREBSBACH MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2021 as printed on SJ pages 1528-1529, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2021, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2021: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and insurance; and to provide an exemption.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 42 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Estenson; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larsen; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Magrum; Mathern

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2021 passed.

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CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. ERBELE MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2001 as printed on SJ pages 1516-1518, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2001, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2001: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor; to provide for a report; and to provide an exemption.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 41 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Boehm; Estenson; Larsen; Magrum

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2001 passed.

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MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2096, which is on the Twelfth order, be laid over one legislative day, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2022, which is on the Twelfth order, be laid over one legislative day, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. ELKIN MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2200 as printed on SJ page 1583, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2200, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2200: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for North Dakota governor's schools.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 45 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Estenson; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larsen; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2200 passed.

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CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. LARSON MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2281 as printed on SJ page 1584, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2281, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2281: A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 53-06.1-12.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a charitable gaming technology fund; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-03 and subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gaming license fees and deposits in a charitable gaming technology fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 42 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larsen; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Beard; Estenson; Magrum

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2281 passed.

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CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

SEN. LUICK MOVED that the Senate do concur in the House amendments to Engrossed SB 2372 as printed on SJ page 1584, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2372, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2372: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 61-16.1-11 and section 61-16.1-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to joint water resource boards and the construction of a water project in more than one county; and to amend and reenact section 61-16.1-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to joint water resource boards.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 45 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Estenson; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larsen; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel;

Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2372 passed.

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REQUEST

SEN. KLEIN REQUESTED that the Senate be on the Seventh Order, which request was granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SEN. ELKIN MOVED that the conference committee report on Reengrossed SB 2380 as printed on SJ pages 1636-1637 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Reengrossed SB 2380, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2380: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to administrative cost-sharing for cooperating districts and special education units; and to provide an appropriation.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 45 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dwyer; Elkin; Erbele; Estenson; Hogan; Hogue; Kannianen; Kessel; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Larsen; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Piepkorn; Roers, J.; Roers, K.; Rummel; Rust; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Vedaa; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Dever; Meyer

Reengrossed SB 2380 passed.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1539.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2392.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2170, SB 2198, SB 2328.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2170

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to minors working in hazardous occupations; and to provide for a legislative management study.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Minors working in hazardous occupations.

A minor who is at least sixteen years of age may be employed or permitted to work in a hazardous occupation if the minor is in a registered apprenticeship program or is a student learner of an approved career and technical education program. Under this section, a parental signature is required for the minor to participate as an apprentice or student learner. This section does not limit the ability of a minor who is at least sixteen years of age to work in an occupation already permitted by law.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a state office of apprenticeship. The study must include consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of creating the office in comparison to apprenticeships remaining solely under the control of the federal department of labor. The study must identify areas in which the state may exercise more control over the federal labor law to provide more flexibility as it applies to minors at least sixteen years of age. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2198

Page 1, line 22, replace "health condition" with "injury or illness under the definition of serious injury or illness for a military service member or veteran as adopted by the United States department of labor"

Page 2, line 11, after "to" insert "a combined"

Page 2, line 13, after the underscored period insert "An employee using leave under this subsection only may use paid leave for up to twelve workweeks. The remaining balance from the combined twenty-six workweeks under this subsection must be unpaid."

Renumber accordingly

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2328

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the House as printed on pages 1375-1377 of the House Journal, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2328 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create a school funding task force; and to provide for a legislative management report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. SCHOOL FUNDING TASK FORCE - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.

1. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall establish and provide staffing and administrative services to a school funding task force facilitated by a nonpartisan leadership organization. The task force may include public school administrators or business managers, public school teachers, five members of the legislative assembly appointed by the legislative management, parents of public school students, representatives from the department of public instruction, a representative from the governor's office, and a representative from a regional education association.

2. During the 2023-24 interim, the school funding task force shall:

a. Review litigation the state was a party to relating to school funding and the resulting implications for school funding models;

b. Analyze higher education funding sources to determine whether the sources may be used in whole or in part for the kindergarten through grade twelve system;

c. Review school payment formulas to determine whether education costs can be equalized across the state;

d. Study the size, student population, and economics of school districts and the number of facilities within the district per square mile compared with student population;

e. Develop and study sliding-scale models within school districts based on size, student populations, and economics;

f. Assess the negative impacts of the current funding formula;

g. Study school funding formulas used by other states;

h. Determine the benefits of and incentives to promote school district consolidation;

i. Review school transportation costs considering location, size, and student enrollment;

j. Study high-cost student and special education student costs as those costs relate to the formula weighting factors; and

k. Analyze the cost of distance education, comparing the costs of different methods of instruction delivery, including synchronous as compared to asynchronous instruction.

3. The task force may:

a. Study the funding of school building maintenance and repairs considering location and whether buildings are located in a rural or urban area; and

b. Review ending fund balances and analyze how the current funding formula impacts ending fund balances.

4. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2016, SB 2330.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2016

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study;"

Page 1, remove lines 15 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"Salaries and wages	$7,150,489	$485,293	$7,635,782
Operating expenses	3,048,313	165,898	3,214,211
Capital assets	224,046	40,300,000	40,524,046
Grants	210,916	374,776	585,692

Civil air patrol	309,125	72,331	381,456
Tuition, recruiting, and retention	3,042,235	320,000	3,362,235
Air guard contract	8,490,161	496,901	8,987,062
Army guard contract	48,203,473	1,804,510	50,007,983
Veterans' cemetery	1,325,998	33,397	1,359,395
Reintegration program	925,524	(45,471)	880,053
Total all funds	$72,930,280	$44,007,635	$116,937,915
Less estimated income	56,326,564	41,839,440	98,166,004
Total general fund	$16,603,716	$2,168,195	$18,771,911"

Page 2, replace lines 8 through 15 with:

"Salaries and wages	$12,232,240	$609,971	$12,842,211
Operating expenses	6,502,334	313,233	6,815,567
Capital assets	660,000	150,000	810,000
Grants	14,550,000	13,868,000	28,418,000
Disaster costs	51,485,736	168,853,862	220,339,598
Total all funds	$85,430,310	$183,795,066	$269,225,376
Less estimated income	79,151,794	181,883,703	261,035,497
Total general fund	$6,278,516	$1,911,363	$8,189,879"

Page 2, replace lines 20 through 23 with:

"Grand total general fund	$22,882,232	$4,079,558	$26,961,790
Grand total special funds	135,478,358	223,723,143	359,201,501
Grand total all funds	$158,360,590	$227,802,701	$386,163,291
Full-time equivalent positions	222.00	9.00	231.00"

Page 2, remove lines 29 through 31

Page 3, replace lines 1 through 20 with:

"Emergency response equipment and supplies	$100,000	$660,000
Dickinson readiness center project	15,500,000	8,900,000
Military museum	10,000,000	20,000,000
Fraine Barracks automation system	320,000	0
Fargo readiness center equipment	100,000	0
Bridge training site	6,000,000	0
Camp Grafton expansion	3,500,000	0
Disaster response	887,873	0
Payroll expenses	1,000,000	0
State active-duty software	450,000	0
Camp Grafton housing	2,000,000	0
Deferred maintenance	1,000,000	1,000,000
Retirement payouts	0	275,000
Statewide interoperable radio network equipment	0	2,700,000
Camp Grafton fitness facility	0	9,000,000
Minot airport hangar	0	60,000
State radio consoles	0	150,000
Cybersecurity grant	0	628,000
Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act	0	1,000,000
Flood mitigation grants	0	225,000
Disaster mortuary response team training	0	220,000
Natural disaster response and recovery grants	0	2,000,000
Disaster grants	0	142,652,500
Total all funds	$40,857,873	$189,470,500
Total other funds	38,877,873	187,312,500
Total general fund	$1,980,000	$2,158,000"

Page 3, line 29, replace "39-04-10" with "39-04-10.10"

Page 3, after line 30, insert:

"**SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - ADJUTANT GENERAL.** The estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of

section 1 of this Act includes $20,600,000 from the federal state fiscal recovery fund, of which up to $8,900,000 is for the completion of the Dickinson readiness center in accordance with section 5 of this Act, $2,700,000 is for statewide interoperable radio network equipment, and $9,000,000 is for the construction of the Camp Grafton fitness facility.

SECTION 5. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS - ADJUTANT GENERAL.

1. Subject to the provisions of this section, there is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $5,300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the adjutant general for the purpose of constructing Camp Grafton training billets, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

2. The funding appropriated under this section is contingent upon the adjutant general certifying to the office of management and budget that at least $5,300,000 of federal funding sources other than from the federal state fiscal recovery fund is available and will be used for completion of the Dickinson readiness center project. Upon receiving certification, the director of the office of management and budget shall adjust the appropriate amount of federal funding authority for the Dickinson readiness center project from the federal state fiscal recovery fund to the new federal funding source."

Page 4, replace lines 8 through 17 with:

"**SECTION 7. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - LINE OF CREDIT - ADDITIONAL INCOME - LEGISLATIVE INTENT - MILITARY MUSEUM.** The Bank of North Dakota shall extend a line of credit to the adjutant general to provide funding to pay costs associated with the construction of a North Dakota military museum. The line of credit may not exceed $20,000,000, and the interest rate associated with the line of credit must be the prevailing rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. It is the intent of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly that the adjutant general request funding from the sixty-ninth legislative assembly from the legacy earnings fund to repay the line of credit. The adjutant general may accept other funds, including private and federal funds, for the construction of a North Dakota military museum during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 8. ESTIMATED INCOME - STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND - ADJUTANT GENERAL. The estimated income line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes $14,918,245 from the state disaster relief fund, of which $11,693,245 is for costs related to previous state disasters, $1,000,000 is for the ten percent state match for the federal safeguarding tomorrow through ongoing risk mitigation program, $2,000,000 is for natural disaster response and recovery grants, and $225,000 is for flood mitigation grants."

SECTION 9. NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY GRANTS. The disaster costs line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes $2,000,000 from the state disaster relief fund for providing grants to political subdivisions for costs relating to preventing loss of life or significant property damage when responding to and recovering from natural disasters."

Page 6, replace lines 6 through 10 with:

"**SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - COLD WAR TRAIL PROJECT.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of a cold war trail project. The study must include the cooperation of the adjutant general, department of commerce, and the state historical society when considering potential sites to include on the trail and options and costs of:

1. The construction, addition, maintenance, and equipment for new and existing North Dakota cold war historic sites;

2. Providing educational resources regarding North Dakota's role in the cold war; and

3. Promoting tourism for North Dakota cold war historic sites.

The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Page 6, line 11, replace "of" with "in"

Page 6, line 12, after the first "Act" insert ", the sum of $2,000,000 in the disaster costs line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act, the sum of $60,000 in the civil air patrol line item of subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act,"

Page 6, line 12, replace "4" with "6, 9,"

Page 6, line 12, replace "7" with "10"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2016 - Summary of House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Adjutant General				
Total all funds	$72,930,280	$97,769,216	$24,468,699	$122,237,915
Less estimated income	56,326,564	78,042,748	25,423,256	103,466,004
General fund	$16,603,716	$19,726,468	($954,557)	$18,771,911
FTE	152.00	156.00	0.00	156.00
Department of Emergency Services				
Total all funds	$85,430,310	$269,022,253	$203,123	$269,225,376
Less estimated income	79,151,794	259,256,970	1,778,527	261,035,497
General fund	$6,278,516	$9,765,283	($1,575,404)	$8,189,879
FTE	70.00	77.00	(2.00)	75.00
Bill total				
Total all funds	$158,360,590	$366,791,469	$24,671,822	$391,463,291
Less estimated income	135,478,358	337,299,718	27,201,783	364,501,501
General fund	$22,882,232	$29,491,751	($2,529,961)	$26,961,790
FTE	222.00	233.00	(2.00)	231.00

Senate Bill No. 2016 - Adjutant General - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	$7,150,489	$7,907,798	($272,016)	$7,635,782
Operating expenses	3,048,313	3,299,461	(85,250)	3,214,211
Capital assets	224,046	19,724,046	20,800,000	40,524,046
Grants	210,916	585,692		585,692
Civil air patrol	309,125	387,155	(5,699)	381,456
Tuition, recruiting, and retention	3,042,235	3,362,235		3,362,235
Air guard contract	8,490,161	9,021,309	(34,247)	8,987,062
Army guard contract	48,203,473	51,174,837	(1,166,854)	50,007,983
Veterans' cemetery	1,325,998	1,395,288	(35,893)	1,359,395
Reintegration program	925,524	911,395	(31,342)	880,053
Contingent Funding			5,300,000	5,300,000
Total all funds	$72,930,280	$97,769,216	$24,468,699	$122,237,915
Less estimated income	56,326,564	78,042,748	25,423,256	103,466,004
General fund	$16,603,716	$19,726,468	($954,557)	$18,771,911
FTE	152.00	156.00	0.00	156.00

Department 540 - Adjutant General - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases[1]	Adjusts Funding for FTE Positions[2]	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool[3]	Adjusts Funding from Ongoing to One-Time[4]	Adjusts Funding for One-Time Items[5]	Adds Contingent Funding for Camp Grafton Billets[6]
Salaries and wages	$98,750	$55,747	($426,513)			
Operating expenses		(85,250)				
Capital assets					$20,800,000	
Grants						
Civil air patrol	2,158		(7,857)			
Tuition, recruiting, and retention						
Air guard contract	73,880		(408,127)		300,000	
Army guard contract	220,259	(27)	(887,086)	($500,000)		
Veterans' cemetery	13,829		(49,722)			
Reintegration program	12,299		(43,641)			
Contingent Funding						$5,300,000
Total all funds	$421,175	($29,530)	($1,822,946)	($500,000)	$21,100,000	$5,300,000
Less estimated income	281,364	(14,765)	(1,243,343)	0	21,100,000	5,300,000
General fund	$139,811	($14,765)	($579,603)	($500,000)	$0	$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	($272,016)
Operating expenses	(85,250)
Capital assets	20,800,000
Grants	
Civil air patrol	(5,699)
Tuition, recruiting, and retention	
Air guard contract	(34,247)
Army guard contract	(1,166,854)
Veterans' cemetery	(35,893)
Reintegration program	(31,342)
Contingent Funding	5,300,000
Total all funds	$24,468,699
Less estimated income	25,423,256
General fund	($954,557)
FTE	0.00

[1] Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for the 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	$147,237	$296,353	$443,590
Health insurance adjustment	(7,426)	(14,989)	(22,415)
Total	$139,811	$281,364	$421,175

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

[2] Funding of $29,530 is adjusted for the following FTE position changes:

- Removes $41,594 for 1 FTE custodial supervisor position for the Dickinson Readiness Center, of which $20,797 is from the general fund and $20,797 is from federal funds.
- Adds $12,064 for 1 FTE trades maintenance worker position for the Camp Grafton fitness facility, of which $6,032 is from the general fund and $6,032 is from federal funds. The funding is for 2 months of salary.

[3] Funding for the new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency by submitting to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	($61,780)	($204,418)	($266,198)
Vacant FTE positions	(517,823)	(1,038,925)	(1,556,748)
Total	($579,603)	($1,243,343)	($1,822,946)

[4] Funding of $1.5 million from the general fund for maintenance and repairs of National

Guard facilities was changed from ongoing to one-time funding and reduced by $500,000 to provide a total of $1 million.

[5] One-time funding is adjusted as follows:

- Funding of $9 million from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund is added for the construction of a Camp Grafton fitness facility;
- Funding of $5.3 million from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund is removed for the construction of Camp Grafton training center billets (see footnote 6 below);
- Funding of $20 million from a Bank of North Dakota line of credit is added for the construction of a North Dakota military museum; and
- Funding of $2.6 million from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund is removed for design and engineering of a new Williston Readiness Center.
- Funding of $2.7 million was changed from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund to the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund for statewide interoperable radio network equipment.

[6] A section is added providing a contingent appropriation from federal funds for the construction of Camp Grafton training center billets. If other federal funds become available for the completion of the Dickinson Readiness Center, funding from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund of up to $5,300,000 may be used to construct the billets.

Senate Bill No. 2016 - Department of Emergency Services - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	$12,232,240	$14,894,591	($2,052,380)	$12,842,211
Operating expenses	6,502,334	7,815,567	(1,000,000)	6,815,567
Capital assets	660,000	960,000	(150,000)	810,000
Grants	14,550,000	28,418,000		28,418,000
Disaster costs	51,485,736	216,934,095	3,405,503	220,339,598
Total all funds	$85,430,310	$269,022,253	$203,123	$269,225,376
Less estimated income	79,151,794	259,256,970	1,778,527	261,035,497
General fund	$6,278,516	$9,765,283	($1,575,404)	$8,189,879
FTE	70.00	77.00	(2.00)	75.00

Department 542 - Department of Emergency Services - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases[1]	Removes Funding for Watch Center Positions[2]	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool[3]	Adjusts Funding from Ongoing to One-Time[4]	Adjusts Funding for One-Time Items[5]	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	$173,038	($409,260)	($1,816,158)			($2,052,380)
Operating expenses					($1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Capital assets					(150,000)	(150,000)
Grants						
Disaster costs	15,629		(55,126)		3,445,000	3,405,503
Total all funds	$188,667	($409,260)	($1,871,284)	$0	$2,295,000	$203,123
Less estimated income	134,159	0	(580,632)	0	2,225,000	1,778,527
General fund	$54,508	($409,260)	($1,290,652)	$0	$70,000	($1,575,404)
FTE	0.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)

[1] Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for the 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	$67,588	$138,705	$206,293
Health insurance adjustment	(13,080)	(4,546)	(17,626)
Total	$54,508	$134,159	$188,667

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

[2] Funding of $409,260 from the general fund is removed for 2 FTE watch center analysts for the Department of Emergency Services.

[3] Funding for the new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency by submitting to the

Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	($978,006)	($102,182)	($1,080,188)
Vacant FTE positions	(312,646)	(478,450)	(791,096)
Total	($1,290,652)	($580,632)	($1,871,284)

[4] Funding of $628,000 from the general fund for the cybersecurity grant was changed from ongoing to one-time funding.

[5] One-time funding is adjusted as follows:

- Funding of $150,000 from the general fund is reduced for State Radio console replacement to provide a total of $150,000;
- Funding of $220,000 from the general fund is added for disaster mortuary response team training;
- Funding of $225,000 from the disaster relief fund is added for flood mitigation grants to the City of Marion;
- Funding of $2 million from the disaster relief fund is added for natural disaster response and recovery grants.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section providing a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota to the Adjutant General for $20 million for the construction of a North Dakota military museum.
- Identifies $20.6 million from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund, of which $8.9 million is for the completion of the Dickinson Readiness Center, $2.7 million is for statewide interoperable radio network equipment, and $9 million is for the construction of the Camp Grafton fitness facility. If other federal funds become available for the completion of the Dickinson Readiness Center, then federal state fiscal recovery funds of up to $5.3 million may instead be used for the construction of Camp Grafton training center billets.
- Identifies $14,918,245 from the state disaster relief fund, of which $11,693,245 is for costs relating to previous state disasters, $1,000,000 is for the 10 percent state match for the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) program, $2,000,000 is for natural disaster response and recovery grants, and $225,000 is for a flood mitigation grant to the City of Marion.
- Removes a section identifying $2.7 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for statewide interoperable radio network equipment. The House changed the funding to the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund.
- Provides that the $60,000 for the purchase of a Minot hangar and the $2 million for natural disaster response and recovery grants are an emergency.
- Changes the section to allow the Adjutant General to accept other funds to match state funds to construct a North Dakota military museum. The Senate version only allowed the Adjutant General to accept donations for the project.
- Adds a section to provide for a Legislative Management study of a cold war trail project.

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2330

Page 1, line 3, remove "repeal section 6-09-49.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to"

Page 1, line 4, replace "the legacy infrastructure loan fund" with "declare an emergency"

Page 1, line 19, remove "six"

Page 1, line 19, overstrike "percent" and insert immediately thereafter "seven hundred million dollars"

Page 1, line 20, after "~~which~~" insert "including"

Page 1, line 20, remove the overstrike over the overstruck semicolon

Page 1, line 21, remove the overstrike over "~~(1) Up to~~"

Page 1, line 21, after "~~targeted~~" insert "one hundred fifty million dollars"

Page 1, line 21, remove the overstrike over "~~for infrastructure loans to political~~"

Page 1, remove the overstrike over lines 22 through 24

Page 2, line 1, remove the overstrike over "~~(2)~~"

Page 2, line 1, overstrike "with a" and insert immediately thereafter "A"

Page 2, line 2, overstrike "designated to" and insert immediately thereafter "for"

Page 2, line 5, remove the overstrike over the overstruck semicolon

Page 2, line 6, remove the overstrike over "~~(3)~~"

Page 2, line 6, remove "with any"

Page 2, line 6, overstrike "remaining amounts"

Page 2, line 6, overstrike "designated for other" and insert immediately thereafter "Other"

Page 2, line 7, after "state" insert "based on guidelines developed by the legacy and budget stabilization fund advisory board"

Page 2, line 8, remove "three"

Page 2, line 8, overstrike "percent" and insert immediately thereafter "six hundred million dollars"

Page 2, line 8, overstrike "of which" and insert immediately thereafter "including"

Page 2, line 9, remove "Three"

Page 2, line 9, overstrike "percent may be targeted for investment" and insert immediately thereafter "Investments"

Page 2, line 20, remove "Any remaining amounts may be targeted"

Page 2, line 20, overstrike "for other" and insert immediately thereafter "Other"

Page 3, replace line 23 with:

"**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** Section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2001, SB 2005, SB 2021, SB 2200, SB 2281, and SB 2372.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2003, SB 2010, SB 2017, SB 2018, SB 2024, SB 2240, SB 2279, and SB 2326, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

SB 2003: Sens. Dwyer; J. Roers; Wanzek
SB 2010: Sens. Vedaa; J. Roers; Wanzek
SB 2017: Sens. Meyer; Schaible; Rust
SB 2018: Sens. Meyer; Sorvaag; Krebsbach

SB 2024: Sens. Davison; Dever; Mathern
SB 2240: Sens. Burckhard; Meyer; J. Roers
SB 2279: Sens. Luick; Myrdal; Lemm
SB 2326: Sens. Kessel; Kannianen; Patten

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

SB 2023: Reps. Meier; Pyle; Mock
SB 2261: Reps. Roers Jones; Heinert; Novak

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

SB 2029: Reps. Steiner; Rohr; Schauer
SB 2080: Reps. Prichard; Frelich; Dobervich
SB 2092: Reps. Ostlie; Warrey; Wagner
SB 2107: Reps. Klemin; Karls; Cory

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has concurred in the Senate amendments and subsequently passed: HB 1153, HB 1183, HB 1267, and HB 1528.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has concurred in the Senate amendments and subsequently passed: HB 1276 and HB 1532.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1003, HB 1014, HB 1015, HB 1225, HB 1379, HB 1391, and HCR 3033, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

HB 1003: Reps. Sanford; Swiontek; Martinson
HB 1014: Reps. Kempenich; Brandenburg; Mock
HB 1015: Reps. Schobinger; Stemen; Mitskog
HB 1225: Reps. Schobinger; Schatz; Mitskog
HB 1379: Reps. Bosch; Lefor; Vigesaa
HB 1391: Reps. Hagert; Conmy; J. Olson
HCR 3033: Reps. Kasper; Mock; Thomas

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1012, HB 1019, HB 1021, HB 1114, HB 1231, HB 1313, HB 1501, and HB 1508, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

HB 1012: Reps. Brandenburg; Monson; Mock
HB 1019: Reps. Richter; Sanford; Nathe
HB 1021: Reps. Kempenich; Meier; Mock
HB 1114: Reps. Cory; S. Olson; Schneider
HB 1231: Reps. Timmons; Conmy; Jonas
HB 1313: Reps. Klemin; Cory; Rios
HB 1501: Reps. Schreiber-Beck; Beltz; Headland
HB 1508: Reps. Fegley; Hatlestad; Warrey

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1018.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

HB 1020: Sens. Erbele; Wanzek; J. Roers
HB 1239: Sens. Weber; Myrdal; Lemm
HB 1477: Sens. Estenson; Barta; Cleary
HB 1487: Sens. Paulson; Myrdal; Larson
HB 1519: Sens. Conley; Larsen; Clemens
HCR 3035: Sens. Lee; Braunberger; Estenson

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has appointed Rep. Beltz to replace Rep. Christy on the Conference Committee on HB 1371.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has appointed Rep. J. Johnson to replace Rep. Christy on the Conference Committee on HB 1465.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2380.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report on: HB 1418, HB 1439.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report on: SB 2242, SB 2254.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1061.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1086.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1170, HB 1324.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1176, HB 1207, HB 1333, HB 1383.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2048, SB 2273.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2061.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SCR 4014.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has adopted the conference committee report, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1102, HB 1210.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2011.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2007, SB 2011, SB 2014, SB 2054, SB 2274, SB 2295, SB 2311.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2007, SB 2011, SB 2014, SB 2054, SB 2274, SB 2295, SB 2311.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)
MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1001, HB 1004, HB 1005, HB 1017, HB 1022, HB 1023, HB 1120, HB 1135, HB 1157, HB 1230, HB 1269, HB 1307, HB 1365, HB 1437.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)
MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: HB 1001, HB 1004, HB 1005, HB 1017, HB 1022, HB 1023, HB 1120, HB 1135, HB 1157, HB 1177, HB 1230, HB 1269, HB 1307, HB 1365, HB 1437, HCR 3036.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on April 13, 2023: SB 2007, SB 2011, SB 2014, SB 2054, SB 2274, SB 2295, SB 2311.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM
This is to inform you that on April 12, 2023, I have signed the following: SB 2025, SB 2034, SB 2036, SB 2046, SB 2053, SB 2093, SB 2104, SB 2110, SB 2118, SB 2124, SB 2132, SB 2155, SB 2194, SB 2208, SB 2249, SB 2263, SB 2364, and SB 2379.

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

MOTION
SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2023, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SB 2026, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Hogan, Cleary, Weston and Reps. Beltz, Fegley, Brandenburg) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 1355-1356, adopt further amendments as follows, and place SB 2026 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate accede to the House amendments as printed on page 1211 of the Senate Journal and pages 1355 and 1356 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2026 be further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, replace "milk barn" with "water tower"

Engrossed SB 2026 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SB 2391, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Rummel, Kannianen, Magrum and Reps. Dockter, D. Anderson, Steiner) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 1231-1232, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2391 on the Seventh order:

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 1072 of the Senate Journal and pages 1231 and 1232 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2391 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 10, after "exceeds" insert ":

a. For an income tax or property tax exemption under this chapter which exceeds five taxable years,"

Page 1, line 10, after "for" insert "residential property, excluding owner-occupied single-family residential property, or"

Page 1, line 11, replace "buildings," with "property for a business investment purpose.

b. For an income tax or property tax exemption under this chapter of five taxable years or less,"

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~of the current true and full value~~"

Page 1, line 11, after "for" insert "residential property, excluding owner-occupied single-family residential property, or"

Page 1, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~commercial~~"

Page 1, line 11, after "~~or~~" insert "property, for a business or investment purpose."

Page 1, after line 11, insert:

c. Fifty percent of the current true and full value for"

Page 1, line 12, remove the underscored comma

Page 1, line 12, overstrike "and twenty" and insert immediately thereafter ".

d. Twenty"

Page 1, line 12, after "percent" insert "of the current true and full value"

Page 1, line 12, after "for" insert "owner-occupied"

Page 1, line 12, overstrike "homes" and insert immediately thereafter "residential property"

Renumber accordingly

Engrossed SB 2391 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1086, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. K. Roers, Cleary, Braunberger and Reps. Louser, J. Johnson, Karls) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1303 and place HB 1086 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1086 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1102, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Conley, Rummel, Paulson and Reps. Frelich, Weisz, Dyk) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1130-1131 and place HB 1102 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1102 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1176: Your conference committee (Sens. Magrum, Patten, Piepkorn and Reps. Steiner, Fisher, D. Anderson) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1207 and place HB 1176 on the Seventh order.

HB 1176 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1383: Your conference committee (Sens. Patten, Rummel, Weber and Reps. Steiner,

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HB 1383 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1207: Your conference committee (Sens. Clemens, Lee, Weston and Reps. Prichard, K. Anderson, Kiefert) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1208 and place HB 1207 on the Seventh order.

HB 1207 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary