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Bismarck, January 21, 2025

The House convened at 1:00 p.m., with Speaker Weisz presiding.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Finger, Retired, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives B. Anderson, Frellich, Hagert, Headland, Henderson, Nathe, Porter, and Satrom.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. NELSON rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker and members of the 69th Legislative Assembly, this past November the citizens of the state of North Dakota witnessed one of the most dominant 9 man football seasons in the history of North Dakota High School athletics. The New Rockford/Sheyenne/Maddock Rockets completed a perfect, undefeated season with a 62-26 Dakota Bowl victory over previously undefeated LaMoure/Litchville/Marion Lobos.

The dominance of this program was apparent throughout the regular season as the Rockets defeated every opponent on their schedule by at least 30 points. This continued throughout the playoffs and the state championship game making this accomplishment one that the players, coaches, and community will remember forever.

It was also fitting that Coach Elliott Belquist was named 9 man Coach of the Year following the game and this group of student athletes were recognized for this once in a lifetime achievement.

It is with great pride that I stand before you today to honor this achievement and congratulate the New Rockford/Sheyenne/Maddock Rockets as this year's Champions. You leave a mark that will be very difficult to replicate.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

REQUEST

REP. BOSCH REQUESTED that the remarks of Rep. Nelson be printed in the Journal, which request was granted.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that HB 1229 be returned to the House floor from the **Judiciary Committee** and be rereferred to the **Transportation Committee**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Pursuant to Rep. Bosch's motion, HB 1229 was rereferred.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPEAKER WEISZ DEEMED approval of the amendments to HB 1122, HB 1170, and HB 1440.

HB 1122, HB 1170, and HB 1440, as amended, were placed on the Eleventh order of business on the calendar for the succeeding legislative day.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1178: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school districts allowing students to leave campus to vote in elections.

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 86 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVilleville; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

NAYS: Ruby, D.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

HB 1178 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1142: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 32-12.1-03 and 32-12.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the statutory caps for liability of political subdivisions and the state; and to provide an effective date.

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 86 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVilleville; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

NAYS: VanWinkle

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

HB 1142 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1174: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to educational and community outreach programs established by the game and fish department.

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 87 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVillie; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

HB 1174 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1153: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 49-23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the one-call excavation notice system.

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 87 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVillie; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

HB 1153 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1132: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to whole, two percent, and flavored milk served in schools.

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 87 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVillie; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

HB 1132 passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

REP. WEISZ ANNOUNCED that the House will stand in recess for 5 minutes.

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

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1173: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 31 north of New Salem as the Specialist Dennis "DJ" Ferderer Jr. Iraq bridge; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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 87 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVille; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

Engrossed HB 1173 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1320: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibiting deepfake videos and images; and to provide a penalty.

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 17 YEAS, 69 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 8 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Brandenburg; Kasper; Koppelman; Nelson; Rohr; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Hoverson; Schauer; Hager; Richter; Stemen; Nehring; Morton

NAYS: Anderson, D.; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz; Schneider; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Fisher; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVille; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich;

Henderson; Christy

HB 1320 failed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1117: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15-39.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for normal retirement benefits.

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 87 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 7 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigasaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Dobervich; Longmuir; Hanson; Grueneich; Marschall; Pyle; Heinert; Ruby, M.; O'Brien; Vetter; Johnston, D.; Bosch; Fegley; Hoverson; Schauer; Fisher; Hager; Richter; Tveit; Ostlie; Ista; Beltz; Stemen; Hauck; Conmy; Finley-DeVillie; Davis; Anderson, K.; Johnson, J.; Olson, S.; Olson, J.; VanWinkle; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Novak; McLeod; Bahl; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Wolff; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Anderson, B.; Satrom; Hagert; Frelich; Henderson

HB 1117 passed.

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 1032, HB 1049, HB 1061, HB 1120, HB 1212, HB 1215.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2044, SB 2046, SB 2057, SB 2059, SB 2065, SB 2077, SB 2083, SB 2090, SB 2114, SB 2116, SB 2141, SB 2157, SB 2159, SB 2165.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2130.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4005.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SCR 4005.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SCR 4005.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1033 ([25.0271.01000](#))**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1033 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1159 ([25.0631.01000](#))**

Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1159 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1166**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0400.03001](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1166 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1231**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0275.02001](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1231 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1262 ([25.0878.01000](#))**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (10 YEAS, 1 NAY, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1262 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1324 ([25.0896.01000](#))**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1324 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1354 ([25.1077.01000](#))**

Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1354 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1377**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0517.02001](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1377 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1410**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS ([25.0619.03002](#))** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1410 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1420 ([25.1098.01000](#))

Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1420 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk

