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Bismarck, March 12, 2025

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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Carey Green, Grace Point Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present.

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 Thirty-sixth Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 680, line 23, replace "bill" with "amended bill"

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1551, as engrossed: SEN. MYRDAL (Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1199.02001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

HB 1127, as engrossed: SEN. KESSEL (Industry and Business Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.8110.02001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1426: 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 6 as the CPL Raymond Porter Korea bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; 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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

HB 1426, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1336: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-31.2-02, subsection 1 of section 12.1-32-02, and subdivision h of subsection 5 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to orders prohibiting contact and use of orders prohibiting contact as an alternative to sentencing.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1336 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1313: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 12.1-32-02 and subdivision h of subsection 5 of section 39-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sentencing alternatives and the sentencing of a defendant to an addiction treatment program for a violation of driving under the influence; and to provide for application.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

HB 1313 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1529: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 15-10-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to resident student tuition for peace corps volunteers.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1529 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1105: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-25.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a school district's virtual learning policies.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1105 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1547: A BILL for an Act to create a committee to study special education funding during the 2025-26 interim; and to provide for a legislative management report.

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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed HB 1547 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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

HB 1153 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HCR 3024: A concurrent resolution urging the United States Congress to transfer the management of all national grassland property within the state from the United States Forest Service to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The question being on the final adoption of the resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS.

HCR 3024 was declared adopted on a voice vote.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1061, HB 1071, HB 1103, HB 1112, HB 1117, HB 1122, HB 1132, HB 1134, HB 1154, HB 1156, HB 1164, HB 1175, HB 1177, HB 1198, HB 1235, HB 1246, HB 1267, HB 1327, HB 1340, HB 1412, HB 1420, HB 1432, HB 1526, HB 1539, HB 1598.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HCR 3005, HCR 3007.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1238 ([25.0477.01002](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1554 ([25.1279.02001](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HB 1379, HB 1474.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2071, SB 2072, SB 2073, SB 2119, SB 2121, SB 2144, SB 2150, SB 2152, SB 2161, SB 2211.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, unchanged: SB 2075, SB 2130, SB 2227.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2038 ([25.0095.01001](#)), SB 2324 ([25.0991.03001](#)).

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 2386 ([25.1349.02001](#)).

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

MR. SPEAKER: Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2040, SB 2044, SB 2045, SB 2055, SB 2059, SB 2061, SB 2065, SB 2068, SB 2074, SB 2079, SB 2085, SB 2087, SB 2110, SB 2125, SB 2135, SB 2141, SB 2153, SB 2154, SB 2164, SB 2219, SB 2277, SB 2287, SB 2309, SB 2329, SB 2371.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1034, HB 1041, HB 1042, HB 1044, HB 1047, HB 1048, HB 1091, HB 1092, HB 1093, HB 1096, HB 1123, HB 1137, HB 1188, HB 1192, HB 1252, HB 1253, HB 1311, HB 1471, HB 1563.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SB 2043, SB 2046, SB 2050, SB 2053, SB 2056, SB 2067, SB 2077, SB 2080, SB 2083, SB 2145.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Speaker has signed: SCR 4021.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SB 2043, SB 2046, SB 2050, SB 2053, SB 2056, SB 2067, SB 2077, SB 2080, SB 2083, SB 2145.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: SCR 4021.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1030, HB 1031, HB 1033, HB 1035, HB

1039, HB 1040, HB 1043, HB 1045, HB 1051, HB 1055, HB 1056, HB 1062, HB 1065, HB 1068, HB 1069, HB 1070, HB 1072, HB 1074, HB 1075, HB 1077, HB 1079, HB 1082, HB 1083, HB 1084, HB 1085, HB 1087, HB 1115, HB 1116, HB 1120, HB 1124, HB 1133, HB 1135, HB 1148, HB 1178, HB 1180, HB 1211, HB 1212, HB 1215, HB 1261, HB 1281, HB 1293, HB 1334, HB 1357, HB 1397, HB 1403.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The President has signed: HB 1034, HB 1041, HB 1042, HB 1044, HB 1047, HB 1048, HB 1076, HB 1081, HB 1090, HB 1091, HB 1092, HB 1093, HB 1096, HB 1108, HB 1123, HB 1137, HB 1188, HB 1192, HB 1228, HB 1252, HB 1253, HB 1311, HB 1471, HB 1520, HB 1563.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on March 12, 2025: SB 2043, SB 2046, SB 2050, SB 2053, SB 2056, SB 2067, SB 2077, SB 2080, SB 2083, SB 2145.

DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was delivered to the Secretary of State for filing on March 12, 2025: SCR 4021.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fifth, Ninth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1067 ([25.8081.02000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1067 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1097 ([25.0434.01000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1097 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1139**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0099.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1139 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1217 ([25.0885.01000](#))**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1217 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1222 ([25.0385.02000](#))**

Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1222 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1224 ([25.0889.01000](#))**

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS,

0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1224 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1328 (25.1107.02000)**

Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1328 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1338 (25.1060.02000)**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1338 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED HB 1497**

Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.1192.04001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1497 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3011 (25.3050.01000)**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3011 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3013 (25.3059.04000)**

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends the measure **BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3013 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3014 (25.3030.01000)**

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3014 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary