

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

## Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly

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**Bismarck, May 1, 2025**

The Senate convened at 8:00 a.m., with President Pro Tempore Bekkedahl presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Keith Ritchie, Cornerstone Community Church, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Weber.

A quorum was declared by the President Pro Tempore.

**CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL**

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the Sixty-Eighth, Seventieth and Seventy-second Days and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 1179, line 8, replace "Engrossed" with "Reengrossed"

Page 1202, replace line 22 with:

"Engrossed SB 2012 ([25.0179.02011](#))"

Page 1205, after line 3, insert:

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

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Hogue; Larson"

Page 1205, line 35, replace "page 1032" with "page 1196"

Page 1209, line 18, remove ", as amended,"

Page 1209, line 23, remove "amended"

Page 1209, line 32, remove ", as amended,"

Page 1229, line 12, remove ", as amended,"

Page 1230, line 31, replace "Engrossed" with "Reengrossed"

Page 1230, line 33, replace "Engrossed" with "Reengrossed"

Page 1231, line 4, replace "Reengrossed" with "Engrossed"

Page 1231, line 6, replace "Reengrossed" with "Engrossed"

Page 1232, after line 28, insert:

**"MOTION**

**SEN. HOGUE MOVED** the previous question, which motion prevailed."

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

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2002**

Your conference committee (Sens. Thomas, Conley, Meyer and Reps. Hanson, Swiontek, Richter) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0169.02003](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2002 is amended by amendment [25.0169.02004](#).

Engrossed SB 2002 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2006**

Your conference committee (Sens. Meyer, Sorvaag, Conley and Reps. Pyle, Monson, Bosch) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0173.02001](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2006 is amended by amendment [25.0173.02003](#).

Engrossed SB 2006 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2015**

Your conference committee (Sens. Cleary, Dever, Magrum and Reps. Stemen, Berg, Wagner) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0182.03009](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2015 is amended by amendment [25.0182.03018](#).

Engrossed SB 2015 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2018**

Your conference committee (Sens. Dwyer, Hogue, Bekkedahl and Reps. Nathe, Martinson, Swiontek) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0185.02016](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2018 is amended by amendment [25.0185.02018](#).

Engrossed SB 2018 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2225**

Your conference committee (Sens. Sickler, Dwyer, Wanzek and Reps. Louser, B. Anderson, Motschenbacher) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1186.02005](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2225 is amended by amendment [25.1186.02007](#).

Engrossed SB 2225 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2256**

Your conference committee (Sens. Sorvaag, Thomas, Wobbema and Reps. Stemen, Fisher, Schauer) recommends the **SENATE ACCEPT** the House amendments ([25.0792.03003](#)) to Engrossed SB 2256.

Engrossed SB 2256 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1003**

Your conference committee (Sens. Sickler, Dwyer, Burckhard and Reps. Nathe, Louser, Hanson) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0147.02005](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1003 is amended by amendment [25.0147.02007](#).

Engrossed HB 1003 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1012**

Your conference committee (Sens. Dever, Cleary, Davison and Reps. Nelson, O'Brien, Mitskog) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0156.02028](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1012 is amended by amendment [25.0156.02035](#).

Engrossed HB 1012 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1019**

Your conference committee (Sens. Thomas, Sorvaag, Bekkedahl and Reps. Sanford, Swiontek, Martinson) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0163.02007](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1019 is amended by amendment [25.0163.02010](#).

Engrossed HB 1019 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1130**

Your conference committee (Sens. Schaible, Beard, Axtman and Reps. Richter, Jonas, Heinert) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0319.02002](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1130 is amended by amendment [25.0319.02004](#).

Engrossed HB 1130 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
REENGROSSED HB 1535**

Your conference committee (Sens. Roers, Braunberger, Walen and Reps. Karls, Christianson, Wolff) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1040.04006](#) adopted by the Senate, Reengrossed HB 1535 is amended by amendment [25.1040.04008](#).

Reengrossed HB 1535 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
REENGROSSED HB 1577**

Your conference committee (Sens. Magrum, Klein, Kessel and Reps. Wagner, B. Anderson, Mitskog) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1285.03009](#) adopted by the Senate, Reengrossed HB 1577 is amended by amendment [25.1285.03010](#).

Reengrossed HB 1577 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1619**

Your conference committee (Sens. Davison, Schaible, Thomas and Reps. Bosch, B. Anderson, Mitskog) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1332.02005](#) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed HB 1619 is amended by amendment [25.1332.02008](#).

Engrossed HB 1619 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**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 1168, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**HB 1168:** Reps. Headland; Hagert; Dockter

**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 1168:** Sens. Rummel; Bekkedahl; Powers

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has appointed Rep. Vigesaa to replace Rep. Heinert on the Conference Committee on HB 1369.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has appointed Rep. Hagert to replace Rep. Schauer on the Conference Committee on HB 1377.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2019, SB 2390.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1018, HB 1214.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HB 1018, HB 1214.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: HB 1009, HB 1010, HB 1022, HB 1029, HB 1143, HB 1144, HB 1199, HB 1218, HB 1229, HB 1363, HB 1454, HB 1485, HB 1524.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG**

This is to inform you that on April 29, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2129, SB 2200, SB 2262, SB 2291, SB 2294, SB 2297, and SB 2342.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has sustained the Governor's veto on SB 2160. The vote was 31 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**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 Reengrossed HB 1168, which motion prevailed.

**THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED** as a Conference Committee on:

**Reengrossed HB 1168:** Sens. Rummel, Bekkedahl, Powers

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that Sen. Klein replace Sen. Weber on the Conference Committee on HB 1279, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF VETOED MEASURE**

**SB 2160:** AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-52.1-01, 54-52.1-02, and 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health insurance benefits coverage provided by the uniform group insurance program; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to provide an effective date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the enrolled bill, over the Governor's veto, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 31 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Beard; Bekkedahl; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dwyer; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Lemm; Magrum; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Barta; Boehm; Boschee; Dever; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Larson; Lee; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Powers; Wanzek

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

The Senate sustained the Governor's veto of SB 2160, as enrolled.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. WEBER MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2093 as printed on SJ page 1234 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2093, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2093:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-38-30.3 and subdivision u of subsection 2 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to income tax rates for individuals, estates, and trusts and an income tax deduction for retired law enforcement personnel benefits; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide an effective date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 11 YEAS, 35 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Castaneda; Cory; Gerhardt; Larson; Meyer; Myrdal; Sickler; Walen; Wanzek

**NAYS:** Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Weston; Wobbema

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed SB 2093 failed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. SICKLER MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2225 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2225, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2225:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a community property improvement grant program; to provide for a legislative management report; and to declare an emergency.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 35 YEAS, 11 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Clemens; Cory; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Wanzek; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Gerhardt; Lee; Magrum; Powers; Walen

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed SB 2225 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. PATTEN MOVED** that the conference committee report on SB 2397 as printed on SJ page 1234 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SB 2397, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2397:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a limited exemption for development incentive wells; to amend and reenact sections 57-51-02.6, 57-51-05, and 57-51.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the temporary exemption for oil and gas wells employing a system to avoid flaring, an exemption from gross production tax for gas produced from certain enhanced oil recovery projects, and the definition of development incentive well; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

**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, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Braunberger; Gerhardt; Magrum; Powers

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Engrossed SB 2397 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. CLEARY MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2015 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2015, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2015:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to authorize a line of credit; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a report; to provide for a legislative management study; 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 40 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Enget; Hogan; Van Oosting

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed SB 2015 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. MAGRUM MOVED** that the conference committee report on Reengrossed HB 1577 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Reengrossed HB 1577, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1577:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23.1-07 and a new subsection to section 23.1-07-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a wastewater infrastructure grant program and the duties of the department of environmental quality; to authorize a Bank of North Dakota line of credit; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

**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, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Beard; Cleary; Gerhardt; Luick

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed HB 1577, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. SICKLER MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1003 be adopted.

**REQUEST**

**SEN. DAVISON REQUESTED** a verification vote, which request was granted.

The question being on the motion to adopt the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1003, the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1003 was rejected on a verification vote.

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the Senate stand in recess until 12:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

**THE SENATE RECONVENED** pursuant to recess taken, with President Pro Tempore Davison presiding.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has appointed Sen. Klein to replace Sen. Weber on the Conference Committee on HB 1279.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has not adopted the conference committee report on: HB 1003.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has not adopted the conference committee report on: HB 1459.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2015, SB 2397.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has not adopted the conference committee report on: SB 2225.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1577.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently failed to pass: SB 2093.

**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 1019, HB 1535, HB 1619.

**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 2354.

**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: SB 2009.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1298.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1577.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2010, SB 2019, SB 2020, SB 2029, SB 2033, SB 2113, SB 2147, SB 2188, SB 2265, SB 2308, SB 2370, SB 2390.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HB 1577.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was delivered to the Secretary of State for filing on May 1, 2025: SB 2160.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. THOMAS MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2002 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2002, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2002:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch; to provide an appropriation to the office of guardianship and conservatorship; to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-06-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to credit and debit card fees; to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02 and 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salaries of justices of the supreme court and salaries of district court judges; to provide for transfers; 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 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 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; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Magrum

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed SB 2002 passed.

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#### **CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. MEYER MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2006 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2006, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### **SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2006:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota aeronautics commission; to provide an exemption; and to provide a statement of legislative intent.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 46 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 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; Weston; Wobbema

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed SB 2006 passed.

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#### **MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that HB 1619 be moved to the top of the calendar, which motion prevailed.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. DAVISON MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1619 as printed on SJ page 1241 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1619, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business.

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1619:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a long-term care facility infrastructure loan program; to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 6-09-47 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the medical facility infrastructure loan fund; 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 46 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 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; Weston; Wobbema

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Engrossed HB 1619, as amended, passed.

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#### **MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that HB 1535 be moved to the top of the calendar, which motion prevailed.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. ROERS MOVED** that the conference committee report on Reengrossed HB 1535 as printed on SJ page 1241 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Reengrossed HB 1535, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business.

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1535:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact the new chapter to title 54 as created by section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2098, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, and section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a state alert notice system and the committee on tribal and state relations; and to provide for a report.

#### **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, 1 NAYS, 1 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; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Magrum

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed HB 1535, as amended, passed.

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#### **MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the Senate stand in recess until 6:00 p.m., which motion prevailed.

**THE SENATE RECONVENED** pursuant to recess taken, with President Pro Tempore Davison presiding.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2002, SB 2006.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1535, HB 1619.

**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 1012.

**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 1130.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1535, HB 1619.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2009, SB 2354.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: SB 2010, SB 2019, SB 2020, SB 2029, SB 2033, SB 2113, SB 2147, SB 2188, SB 2265, SB 2308, SB 2370, SB 2390.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: HB 1577.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on May 1, 2025: SB 2010, SB 2019, SB 2020, SB 2029, SB 2033, SB 2113, SB 2147, SB 2188, SB 2265, SB 2308, SB 2370, SB 2390.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG**

This is to inform you that on April 30, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2007, SB 2011, SB 2013, SB 2070, SB 2112, SB 2133, SB 2180, SB 2271, SB 2282, SB 2374, SB 2396, and SB 2399.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. DWYER MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2018 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2018, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2018:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of commerce; to provide an appropriation to the attorney general; to provide an appropriation to the department of career and technical education; to provide an appropriation to the state fair association; to provide a contingent appropriation; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to department of commerce grant reporting requirements; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 10-30.5-02, sections 54-60-09, 54-60-19, 54-60-28, 54-60-29, 54-60-29.1, and 54-60-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the purpose of the North Dakota development fund, duties and talent strategy of the division of workforce development, the uncrewed aircraft systems program, the uncrewed aircraft systems program fund, the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program, and changing the name of the office of legal immigration to the global talent office; to authorize a Bank of North Dakota line of credit; to provide for a transfer; to provide an application; to provide an exemption; and to provide for a legislative management report.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 27 YEAS, 17 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Marcellais; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Sickler; Thomas; Wanzek; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Clemens; Enget; Gerhardt; Hogan; Luick; Magrum; Mathern; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Schaible; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Meyer; Sorvaag; Weber

Reengrossed SB 2018 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. WOBBERMA MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2256 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed SB 2256, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2256:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a research technology park grant program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for a report.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 31 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Lemm; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Wanzek; Wobberma

**NAYS:** Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Enget; Gerhardt; Larson; Luick; Magrum; Myrdal; Paulson; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Reengrossed SB 2256 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. SCHAIKLE MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2014 as printed on SJ page 1240 be adopted.

**REQUEST**

**SEN. BEKKEDAHL REQUESTED** a verification vote, which request was granted.

The question being on the motion to adopt the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2014, the conference committee report on Engrossed SB 2014 was rejected on a verification vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. THOMAS MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1019 as printed on SJ page 1241 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1019, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1019:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department; to create and enact a new section to chapter 55-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation and naming of state parks; to provide for a transfer; 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 34 YEAS, 12 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary;

Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Wanzek; Weston

**NAYS:** Boehm; Castaneda; Clemens; Enget; Kessel; Luick; Magrum; Paulson; Powers; Van Oosting; Walen; Wobbema

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Engrossed HB 1019, as amended, passed.

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#### **CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. DEVER MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1012 as printed on SJ page 1241 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1012, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business.

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1012:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various divisions of the department of health and human services; to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an extraordinary medical needs housing loan fund; to amend and reenact sections 50-06-06.6, 50-06-42, 50-24.5-02.3, and 50-33-05, and subsection 1 of 50-36-03 of the North Dakota Century Code and subsection 6 of the new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code created in section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2176, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, relating to leases of department of health and human services property, substance use disorder treatment program, basic care payment rates, state of residence for child care assistance, opioid settlement advisory committee, and children's cabinet; to provide for a transfer; to authorize a line of credit; to provide legislative intent; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide an application; to provide an exemption; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 37 YEAS, 9 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek

**NAYS:** Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Enget; Luick; Myrdal; Paulson; Weston; Wobbema

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Engrossed HB 1012, as amended, passed.

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#### **CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SEN. SCHAIBLE MOVED** that the conference committee report on Engrossed HB 1130 as printed on SJ page 1241 be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1130, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order of business.

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1130:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the option for a school district to reduce its local contribution deduction in the school state aid formula by the percentage of the local contribution which comes from in lieu of revenue.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 23 YEAS, 23 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Clemens; Conley; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Kessel; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Wanzek

**NAYS:** Axtman; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Cory; Davison; Enget; Gerhardt; Hogan; Hogue; Klein; Larson; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Sickler; Thomas; Walen; Weston; Wobbema

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Weber

Engrossed HB 1130, as amended, failed.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2225.

**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 1298.

**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 2002, SB 2006, SB 2015, SB 2397.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2009, SB 2354.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has not adopted the conference committee report on: SB 2014.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: SB 2018, SB 2256.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently passed: HB 1012, HB 1019.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has adopted the conference committee report and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1130.

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the absent member be excused, which motion prevailed.

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Friday, May 2, 2025, which motion prevailed.

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

**Shanda Morgan, Secretary**