

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, January 20, 2025

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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Bahl, Hagert, Henderson, Nathe, Porter, and Satrom.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

REPORT OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your procedural **Committee on Employment (Rep. Novak, Chairman)** recommends the following House employees for the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.

2025 HOUSE EMPLOYEES

	<u>Chief Clerk</u>	
Buell Reich		Bismarck
	<u>Assistant Chief Clerk</u>	
Mark Zimmerman		Bismarck
	<u>Chief Committee Clerk</u>	
Risa Berube		Mandan
	<u>Journal Reporter</u>	
Audrey Grafsgaard		Bismarck
	<u>Calendar Clerk</u>	
Edwin Whetham		Wilton
	<u>Bill and Recording Clerk</u>	
Dave Waind		Bismarck
	<u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>	
Dean Eberle		Bismarck
	<u>Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms</u>	
Roman Weiler		Mandan
	<u>Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms</u>	
Lavata Becker		Bismarck
Dale Eberle		Bismarck
Stephen Koppy		Mandan
Daniel McElrath		New Salem
	<u>Administrative Assistant to the Speaker</u>	
ReMae Kuehn		Mandan
	<u>Administrative Assistant to the Majority Leader</u>	
Ellen LeTang		Mandan
	<u>Staff Assistant to the Majority Leader</u>	
Connie Longmuir		Stanley
	<u>Administrative Assistant to the Minority Leader</u>	
Shayla Davis		Devils Lake
	<u>Staff Assistant to the Minority Leader</u>	
Tristan Schaar		Florida
	<u>Quality Assurance Clerks</u>	
Mary Brucker		Bismarck
Jeanette Cook		New Salem
	<u>Procedural Appropriations Committee Clerk</u>	
Sierra Schartz		Mandan
	<u>Technological Appropriations Committee Clerk</u>	
Paul Fleckenstein		Bismarck
	<u>Assistant Appropriations Procedural Committee Clerks</u>	

Madaline Cooper		Bismarck
Jan Kamphuis		Bismarck
Steven Riehl		Bismarck
	<u>Assistant Appropriations Technological Committee Clerks</u>	
Molly Sauer		Bismarck
Ken Karls		Bismarck
Zechariah Bitz		Bismarck
	<u>Procedural Committee Clerks</u>	
Jackson Toman		Bismarck
Wyatt Armstrong		Mandan
Diane Lillis		Bismarck
Leah Kuball		Bismarck
Janae Pinks		Bismarck
	<u>Technological Committee Clerks</u>	
Timothy Paulson		Minot
Saydee Wahl		Bismarck
Joseph Reed		Bismarck
Allen Mastel		Bismarck
Addison Randazzo		Minnesota
	<u>Chief Page/Chief Legislative Assistant</u>	
Mary Monson		Osnabrock
	<u>Pages/Legislative Assistants</u>	
Jessica Pinks		Bismarck
Lily Dever		Bismarck
Maia Toman		Mandan
	<u>Parking Lot Attendant</u>	
Ron Feist		Bismarck

REP. NOVAK MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

FIRST READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Sen. Dever and Rep. Novak introduced:

SCR 4005: A concurrent resolution designating House and Senate employment positions and fixing compensation.

Was read the first time.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that the rules be suspended, that SCR 4005 not be printed, not be referred to committee, but be read in its entirety, be printed in the Journal, and placed on the calendar for immediate second reading and final passage, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Sen. Dever and Rep. Novak introduced:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4005

A concurrent resolution designating House and Senate employment positions and fixing compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That for the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly, the following positions are designated as employee positions of the House and Senate and are to be paid the daily wages indicated:

HOUSE

Chief clerk	\$239
Assistant chief clerk	213
Journal reporter	228
Calendar clerk	213
Bill and recording clerk	207
Sergeant-at-arms	190
Administrative assistant to majority leader	207
Staff assistant to majority leader	207
Administrative assistant to minority leader	207
Staff assistant to minority leader	207
Administrative assistant to Speaker	207

Deputy chief clerk	220
Quality assurance clerk	207
Procedural appropriations committee clerk	207
Technological appropriations committee clerk	207
Procedural assistant appropriations committee clerk	200
Technological assistant appropriations committee clerk	200
Procedural committee clerk	200
Technological committee clerk	200
Deputy sergeant-at-arms	160
Assistant sergeant-at-arms	149
Chief legislative assistant	161
Legislative assistant - page	136

SENATE

Secretary of the Senate	\$239
Assistant secretary of the Senate	213
Journal reporter	228
Calendar clerk	213
Bill and recording clerk	207
Sergeant-at-arms	190
Administrative assistant to majority leader	207
Staff assistant to majority leader	207
Administrative assistant to minority leader	207
Staff assistant to minority leader	207
Chief committee clerk	220
Quality assurance clerk	207
Procedural appropriations committee clerk	207
Technological appropriations committee clerk	207
Procedural assistant appropriations committee clerk	200
Technological assistant appropriations committee clerk	200
Procedural committee clerk	200
Technological committee clerk	200
Deputy sergeant-at-arms	160
Assistant sergeant-at-arms	149
Chief page	161
Legislative assistant - page	136
Legislative assistant - supply room coordinator	149

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each employee of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly is entitled to an additional \$1 per day for each previous regular session of the Legislative Assembly during which that employee was paid for at least 45 days, as either an employee of the House or the Senate, and to receive this additional compensation, which may not exceed \$10 per day, that employee must certify to the Legislative Council the year of each regular session during which that employee was employed as required by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each majority and each minority leader is entitled to one administrative assistant and two staff assistants, but each majority or minority leader may hire fewer or more assistants so long as the total daily compensation for the assistants hired does not exceed the total daily amount authorized for those positions by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report of the Employment Committee of the respective house identify the number of employees in each position by listing every employee and the position for which employed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the approval of the Employment Committee of the respective house, a position may be converted to a part-time position, with the daily compensation converted to a per-hour rate of pay, and a part-time employee may hold more than one part-time position so long as the positions held do not exceed a full-time equivalent position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an employee is entitled to pay for any day the Legislative Assembly is in recess and any employee is required to be present for committee hearings or other legislative business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any employee resigns, is discharged, or for other reasons terminates employment, the compensation provided by this resolution for that employee ceases effective the last day of employment.

SECOND READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR 4005: A concurrent resolution designating House and Senate employment positions

and fixing compensation.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the resolution, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 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; Anderson, B.; 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; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; 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; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

SCR 4005 was declared adopted on a recorded roll call vote.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

MR. SPEAKER: Your **Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal (Rep. B. Anderson, Chairman)** has carefully examined the Journal of the Fifth Day and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 248, line 36, remove "and has"

Page 248, line 37, replace "committee recommendation of DO PASS. The" with "the"

REP. B. ANDERSON MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. LEFOR rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and members of the assembly, today, we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man whose profound vision and unwavering courage changed the course of history. Dr. King was more than a leader in the fight for civil rights – he was a beacon of hope, a voice of justice, and a testament to the power of faith, determination and love.

Born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. King grew up in a segregated society that sought to diminish his potential. But his parents, rooted in faith and resilience, instilled in him a belief in the dignity of every human being. Fueled by this belief, Dr. King pursued education, earning his doctorate in theology and dedicating his life to the principles of non-violence and equality.

Dr. King's leadership in the civil rights movement led to transformative moments in our nation's history. From the Montgomery Bus Boycott to the March on Washington, his voice rallied millions, awakening the conscience of a nation and challenging us to live up to the ideals enshrined in our founding documents.

One of the most unforgettable moments in Dr. King's life – and in American history – came on August 28, 1963. Standing on the steps of the Lincoln memorial, Dr. King delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech. His words, both poetic and prophetic, painted a vision of a nation where children would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Dr. King's dream was not just a dream for his generation – it is a dream for all of us. It calls on each of us to build a society where freedom, justice and opportunity are not just aspirations but realities for every individual.

Through his leadership, Dr. King achieved monumental victories, including the civil rights Act of 1964

and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But his greatest legacy lies in the belief that each one of us, regardless of our station in life, has the power to create positive change.

As we reflect on Dr. King's life today, let us remember that the work is not finished. The dream he shared is a call to action – a reminder that we are all stewards of justice. Let us honor him not only with our words but with our deeds, striving every day to build the kind of world he envisioned.

Dr. King once said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," Together, let us continue bending that arc, inspired by his example, united by his vision and committed to his dream.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

REP. DOBERVICH rose on a point of personal privilege.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DOBERVICH

MR. SPEAKER: Today, as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we honor a leader who dreamed of justice, equality, and unity for all people. Dr. King's vision reminds us to continue the work of building bridges and lifting each other up. Reflecting on moments of change in our nation's history, such as today's Presidential inauguration, we are reminded of the importance of leadership that unites rather than divides. Let us use this day to recommit ourselves to Dr. King's legacy—pursuing equality and justice with courage and compassion. Together, we can keep his dream alive.

REQUEST

REP. BOSCH REQUESTED that the remarks of Reps. Lefor and Doberovich be printed in the Journal, which request was granted on a voice vote.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that HB 1473 be returned to the House floor from the **Human Services Committee** and be rereferred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Pursuant to Rep. Bosch's motion, HB 1473 was rereferred.

MOTION

REP. BOSCH MOVED that HB 1208 be returned to the House floor from the **Political Subdivisions Committee** for the purpose of withdrawal, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

REQUEST

REP. S. OLSON REQUESTED the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw HB 1208. There being no objection, it was so ordered by the Speaker.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPEAKER WEISZ DEEMED approval of the amendments to HB 1025 and HB 1173.

HB 1025, as amended, was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

HB 1173, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business on the calendar for the succeeding legislative day.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1120: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 14-15-09, 14-15-11, 50-12-09, 50-12-10, and 50-12-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the revised uniform adoption act and child-placing agencies; to repeal sections 50-12-02.1 and 50-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to out-of-state child-placing agencies and revocation of license; and to provide a penalty.

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 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 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; Anderson, B.; 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; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; 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; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

Engrossed HB 1120 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1061: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 17 and 18 of section 12.1-34-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fair treatment of victims.

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 86 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 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; Anderson, B.; 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.; Heilman; Swiontek; Jonas; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; Rios; Christy; Holle; Murphy; Wagner; Motschenbacher; Warrey; Nehring; Brown; Hendrix; Christianson; Maki; Dressler; Bolinske; Osowski; Foss; Morton; Vollmer; Berg; Grindberg

NAYS: VanWinkle; Wolff

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Nathe; Porter; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

Engrossed HB 1061 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1032: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 27-05-06 and chapter 40-18.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to jurisdiction of district courts and municipal court requirements, jurisdiction, procedures, and processes; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 29-07-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to indigent defense; and to repeal sections 40-11-10, 40-11-11, 40-11-12, and 40-11-13 and chapter 40-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ordinance violations and municipal judges.

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 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 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; Anderson, B.; 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; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; 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; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

Engrossed HB 1032 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1049: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 43-37-02 and section 43-37-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensure requirements of a speech-language pathology licensed assistant and temporary licensure.

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 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 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; Anderson, B.; 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; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; 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; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

Engrossed HB 1049 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1212: 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 a portion of state highway 18 as the PFC. Henry Gurke memorial highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 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; Anderson, B.; 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; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; 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; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

HB 1212 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1215: A BILL for an Act to to repeal section 24-02-46 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the multistate highway transportation agreement.

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 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Anderson, D.; Brandenburg; Dockter; Hatlestad; Headland; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemm; Koppelman; Louser; Martinson; Meier; Monson; Nelson; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; Vigessaa; Weisz; Schneider; Mitskog; Schreiber-Beck; Lefor; Anderson, B.; 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; Frelich; Novak; McLeod; 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; Satrom; Hagert; Henderson; Bahl

HB 1215 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 1035, HB 1039, HB 1041, HB 1042, HB 1043, HB 1062, HB 1071, HB 1077, HB 1080, HB 1088, HB 1096, HB 1097, HB 1099, HB 1110, HB 1135, HB 1137, HB 1138, HB 1148, HB 1154, HB 1158, HB 1162, HB 1180, HB 1186.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1044, HB 1078, HB 1108, HB 1140.

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

MADAM PRESIDENT: The House has passed, unchanged: SCR 4005.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2042, SB 2062, SB 2119, SB 2121, SB 2124, SB 2125, SB 2136, SB 2146.

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., Tuesday, January 21, 2025, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1117 ([25.0129.01000](#))

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1117 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1122**

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.8115.01001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1122 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1170**

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0035.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1170 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1320 (25.0912.01000)**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1320 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1440**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0298.01002)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1440 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Reps. Karls, Berg, Bosch, Dockter, Hauck, Martinson, Nathe and Sens. Dever, Gerhardt, Larson introduced:

HB 1479: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the designation and establishment of North Dakota Constitution Day.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Wagner, Dockter, Heinert, J. Johnson, McLeod, Meier, D. Ruby, Schreiber-Beck, Swiontek, Warrey and Sens. Sorvaag, Weber introduced:

HB 1482: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 21-03-04 and 21-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the requirements of a municipal bond election.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Headland, D. Anderson, Koppelman, Vollmer, J. Olson, Hagert and Sens. Kessel, Meyer, Rummel, Thomas introduced:

HB 1483: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 57-51.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the oil extraction tax rate reduction for oil produced from a new well drilled and completed outside the Bakken and Three Forks formations; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Hagert, Beltz and Sen. Lemm introduced:

HB 1484: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-40.3-02 and 57-40.3-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the imposition of motor vehicle excise tax and an exemption for motor vehicle excise tax paid or not assessed in other states; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. McLeod, Rios, Satrom, Schauer, Swiontek, Weisz, Karls, Wagner and Sens. Lee, Dever, Hogan, Cleary introduced:

HB 1485: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the personal needs allowance amount for eligible

beneficiaries.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Rep. D. Johnston and Sens. Clemens, Wobbema introduced:

HB 1486: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the installation of smart meters; and to amend and reenact section 49-04.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to unauthorized metering.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. M. Ruby, Fisher, Heinert, Nathe, Stemen, D. Ruby and Sens. Castaneda, Cleary, Meyer, Paulson, Thomas introduced:

HB 1487: A BILL for an Act to authorize the department of transportation to transfer real property to the office of management and budget; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an exemption.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Rep. Murphy introduced:

HB 1488: A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 14-02.1-04.3, 14-02.1-04.4, and 14-02.1-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of an abortion approval committee, a framework for abortion, and an emergency medical exception; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-19.1-03, 14-02.1-02, 14-02.1-02.1, 14-02.1-02.2, and 14-02.1-03, subsection 1 of section 14-02.1-03.1, sections 14-02.1-05, 14-02.1-07, 14-02.1-08, 14-02.1-09, and 14-10-15, and subsection 3 of section 14-10-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abortion procedures, consent, and reporting requirements; and to repeal sections 14-02.1-03.4, 14-02.1-03.5, and 14-02.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abortion restrictions.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Satrom, Klemin, Ostlie and Sen. Conley introduced:

HB 1489: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 14-07.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to civil protection orders; to amend and reenact sections 11-15-32 and 12-60-23, subsection 2 of section 12.1-17-13, section 14-05-23, subsection 4 of section 14-07.1-01, sections 14-07.1-02.1 and 14-07.1-11, subsection 1 of section 14-07.1-14, section 14-07.1-19, subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 14-07.6-01, subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 15.1-09-33.4, sections 16.1-02-07 and 29-01-15, subdivision g of subsection 1 of section 29-06-15, and subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 47-16-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to restraining orders and protection orders; to repeal sections 12.1-31-01.2, 12.1-31.2-01, 14-07.1-02, 14-07.1-03, 14-07.1-03.1, 14-07.1-04, 14-07.1-05, 14-07.1-05.1, 14-07.1-06, 14-07.1-07, and 14-07.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Vigesaa, Pyle, Brandenburg, Headland and Sens. Lemm, Wanzek, Paulson introduced:

HB 1490: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required psychological evaluations for school counselors.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Rios, Schauer, Motschenbacher and Sens. Beard, Thomas introduced:

HB 1491: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to student eligibility for high school sports and activities.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Christy, Jonas and Sens. Boschee, Mathern, Sorvaag introduced:

HB 1492: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for a passthrough grant for a science museum construction project.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Rios, Heilman, D. Johnston, Henderson, Kempenich and Sen. Magrum introduced:

HB 1493: A BILL for an Act to repeal section 54-60-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the office of legal immigration.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. Jonas, Meier, Murphy, Richter, Hager and Sen. Boschee introduced:

HB 1494: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of weighted average daily membership; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Foss, Bahl, Finley-DeVillie and Sen. Braunberger introduced:

HB 1495: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to leaves of absence from employment for members of the legislative assembly.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. Foss, Schneider, Hendrix, Hanson and Sens. Braunberger, Boschee, Barta, Cory introduced:

HB 1496: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-16-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to landlord obligations owed to a tenant.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Maki, Marschall, Monson, Jonas and Sen. Schaible introduced:

HB 1497: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 50-11.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to age requirements for an approved four-year old program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Maki, Monson, Richter and Sen. Schaible introduced:

HB 1498: 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 the authority of a school board to pay a first-year signing bonus for teachers.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Rep. Klemin and Sen. Larson introduced:

HB 1499: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 44-04-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidential records related to a justice of the United States, federal judge, or magistrate judge.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Koppelman, J. Johnson, Louser, D. Ruby, Steiner, Vetter and Sens. Clemens, Cory, Dwyer, Kessel, Meyer introduced:

HB 1500: A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 11-33-17.1, 40-47-05.1, and 58-03-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonconforming structures in counties, cities, and townships.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

Reps. Kempenich, Hauck, Hendrix, Tveit and Sens. Boehm, Magrum introduced:

HB 1501: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of out-of-state operators' licenses and nonoperator identification cards for identification and motor vehicle operation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Wolff, Hendrix, Holle, S. Olson, VanWinkle and Sens. Castaneda, Paulson introduced:

HB 1502: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the growth of the state general fund budget.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Bolinske, Louser, S. Olson, Richter, D. Ruby, M. Ruby, Wolff and Sens. Burckhard, Castaneda introduced:

HB 1503: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-08-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to punishment for causing injury while operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Schneider, Karls, Klemin, J. Olson, Pyle, Warrey, Marschall and Sens. Boschee, Dever, Marcellais, Meyer, Paulson introduced:

HB 1504: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allocation of veteran service organization gaming taxes.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Rep. Lefor and Sen. Hogue introduced:

HB 1505: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 and a new section to chapter 54-66 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to immunity and an affirmative defense for individuals voting on legislation and closure of matters by the ethics commission; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-13-02, 54-66-10, 54-66-12, and 54-66-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to immunity from criminal prosecution, individuals' rights to appeals, confidential information, and conflicts of interest; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Rios, Brown, Davis, Nehring and Sen. Beard introduced:

HB 1506: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 15 of section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax exemption for enrolled tribal members; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Rep. Vollmer introduced:

HB 1507: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment and organization of cooperative financial institutions; and to amend and reenact sections 6-01-02, 6-01-15, 6-01-17.1, 6-02-02, 6-02-03, 6-03-02, 6-03-11, 6-03-13.1, 6-03-34, 6-05-01, 6-06-35, 6-07.2-09, 6-07.2-19, and 6-08-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the application, powers, payment of claims, liquidation, and sale of cooperative financial institutions.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Rep. Porter and Sen. Gerhardt introduced:

HB 1508: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 57-02-27.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to valuation and assessment of agricultural lands; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Dressler, Dockter, Foss, Hoverson, Kasper, Koppelman, Nehring, Porter, Schatz, Toman and Sen. Schaible introduced:

HB 1509: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4.1-09-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to refunding of assessments collected by the oilseed council.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Schreiber-Beck, Conmy, Hanson, Longmuir, McLeod, Novak, Swiontek, Hager, Richter and Sens. Davison, Hogan, Rummel introduced:

HB 1510: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 and a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to financial planning resources for new teachers and on-site child care for teachers; and to provide for a legislative management study.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Rohr, Lefor, D. Ruby, Steiner, Vigasaa and Sens. Gerhardt, Hogue, Klein, Myrdal introduced:

HB 1511: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-17-27.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the development of an instructional course by the state board of medicine; to provide an appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Vigasaa, B. Anderson, Beltz, Frelich, Hager and Sens. Conley, Mathern, Walen introduced:

HB 1512: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-28-03 and 43-28-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to members of the state board of dental examiners and an individual's ability to file a complaint.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. VanWinkle, Koppelman, Brandenburg, Hauck, Hendrix, Morton, Heilman, Dockter, Rohr, Nehring and Sens. Paulson, Wanzek introduced:

HB 1513: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-29-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the notice to construct, rebuild, or repair sidewalks.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

Reps. Morton, Frelich, Heilman, Kasper, S. Olson, Rohr, Steiner, VanWinkle, Wolff and Sens. Magrum, Powers introduced:

HB 1514: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 23.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to harmful atmospheric activity; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. D. Ruby, Bosch, Ista, Lefor, Weisz, Vigesaa and Sens. Hogan, Hogue, Klein introduced:

HB 1515: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 51-07-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle warranty work compensation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Foss, Sanford, Swiontek, Pyle, Novak, Richter and Sens. Boschee, Axtman introduced:

HB 1516: 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 the requirement for an educational employee to be an observer of the board of a public school.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Jonas, Murphy, Richter, Sanford, Hager and Sens. Bekkedahl, Boschee introduced:

HB 1517: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of the North Dakota student teacher scholarship program; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Hager, Christianson, Foss, Hauck, Hendrix, Rios, D. Ruby, Dobervich and Sens. Cory, Mathern, Boschee introduced:

HB 1518: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-10-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to rotary traffic islands.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Rohr, K. Anderson, Frelich, Holle, McLeod, Toman and Sens. Clemens, Paulson, Schaible, Van Oosting, Weston introduced:

HB 1519: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to death and vaccination records.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Rep. M. Ruby introduced:

HB 1520: A BILL for an Act to authorize the department of health and human services to transfer real property to the office of the adjutant general to construct a new training and storage facility; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Brown, Davis, Finley-DeVillie, Holle, Ista, Nelson, Rios and Sens. Hogan, Marcellais introduced:

HB 1521: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 15 of section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax exemption for enrolled tribal members; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. K. Anderson, Bahl, Dockter, Meier, Monson, Schauer and Sens. Myrdal, Patten introduced:

HB 1522: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-05-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to golf carts on city streets.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Monson, K. Anderson, Ista, Martinson, Sanford, Swiontek and Sens. Cory, Meyer, Myrdal, Weston introduced:

HB 1523: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the parks and recreation department for a ski resort infrastructure grant.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Monson, Brandenburg, Kempenich, O'Brien, Ostlie, Pyle and Sens. Kessel, Meyer, Myrdal, Barta, Lemm introduced:

HB 1524: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-40.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the funding of regional planning councils; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Koppelman, Grueneich, Hauck, Louser, M. Ruby, Vetter, D. Ruby and Sens. Magrum, Cory, Meyer, Castaneda introduced:

HB 1525: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of the executive director of the state gaming commission; to amend and reenact sections 53-01-02, 53-01-03, 53-01-07, 53-01-09, 53-01-19, 53-06.1-01, 53-06.1-01.1, 53-06.1-03, 53-06.1-06, 53-06.1-10, 53-06.1-11, 53-06.1-11.2, 53-06.1-12, 53-06.1-12.3, 53-06.1-12.4, 53-06.1-14, 53-06.1-15.1, 53-06.2-01, 53-06.2-04, 53-06.2-04.1, 53-06.2-07, 53-06.2-10.1, 53-12.1-01, 53-12.1-02, 53-12.1-03, 53-12.1-04, 53-12.1-09, 53-12.1-11, and 53-12.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the structure of the state gaming commission and the administration and regulation of games of chance, combative sports, pari-mutuel horse racing, and the lottery; and to repeal sections 53-06.2-02 and 53-06.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the pari-mutuel horse racing commission and pari-mutuel horse racing executive director.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Nelson, Berg, Brown, Schreiber-Beck, Weisz and Sens. Klein, Thomas introduced:

HB 1526: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 11 of section 4.1-41-01 and section 4.1-41-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pet food registration.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Maki, Hoverson, S. Olson, Osowski, Tveit, VanWinkle and Sens. Clemens, Paulson, Weston introduced:

HB 1527: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required Holocaust education; and to provide for a legislative management report.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. M. Ruby, Nelson and Sen. Klein introduced:

HB 1528: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-21-01 and 12.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to arson and endangering by fire or explosion; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Schneider, Conmy, Dobervich, Hager, Meier, Murphy, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Boschee, Davison, Hogan introduced:

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.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Schneider, Conmy, Davis, Heinert, Jonas, Kiefert, Schreiber-Beck, Hager and Sens. Davison, Hogan, Mathern introduced:

HB 1530: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study on the circumstances and needs of special education teachers and the related special education teacher shortage.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Schreiber-Beck, Beltz, Fisher, Hagert, Kiefert, Monson and Sens. Luick, Myrdal, Wanzek, Weber introduced:

HB 1531: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the agriculture commissioner to

conduct an irrigation expansion study; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Vetter, Bahl, Christianson, Motschenbacher, O'Brien, D. Johnston, Dockter, Hendrix, Meier, Steiner and Sen. Barta introduced:

HB 1532: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the legislative assembly for hiring temporary legislative assistants; to provide for an analysis of capitol office space; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Pyle, Grindberg, Novak, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Vollmer and Sens. Cleary, Meyer, Axtman introduced:

HB 1533: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the addition of one-half unit of financial literacy to high school graduation requirements.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Dockter, Bosch, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Weisz, Porter introduced:

HB 1534: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limitations on true and full valuation increases without voter approval; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Davis, Finley-DeVilleville, Martinson, Satrom, Schneider, Brown, Sanford, Swiontek and Sens. Braunberger, Cory, Lee introduced:

HB 1535: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the feather alert notice system; to amend and reenact section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the committee on tribal and state relations; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Davis, Brown, Finley-DeVilleville, Hatlestad, Jonas, Longmuir, Novak, Swiontek, Schreiber-Beck and Sen. Boschee introduced:

HB 1536: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction to implement a Native American history curriculum; and to provide for a legislative management report.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. O'Brien, Bahl, Ista, Sanford, Satrom and Sens. Barta, Meyer, Patten, Conley introduced:

HB 1537: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09.4-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water service agreement protection of service during the term of the loan; and to provide for retroactive application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

Reps. Novak, Brandenburg, Davis, Grueneich, Hagert, Hanson, Nelson, Beltz and Sen. Conley introduced:

HB 1538: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creating a spay and neuter awareness grant program; to amend and reenact section 4.1-41-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the environment and rangeland protection fund; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Novak, Grueneich and Sens. Erbele, Kessel, Patten introduced:

HB 1539: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-22-03 and subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 49-22-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to backup electric generation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Koppelman, Hauck, J. Johnson, Marschall, Morton, Rohr, Steiner and Sens. Clemens, Cory, Gerhardt, Wobbema, Boehm introduced:

HB 1540: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an education savings account program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Koppelman, K. Anderson, Grueneich, Hagert, Nelson, Monson, Satrom, Weisz and Sens. Magrum, Myrdal, Klein, Thomas introduced:

HB 1541: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 23.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sewer, septic, and private water systems and the environmental quality advisory committee; to repeal sections 23-35-02.2 and 23-35-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the onsite wastewater recycling technical committee; and to provide a transfer.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Hendrix, Heilman, Heinert, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Cory, Wobbema introduced:

HB 1542: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of student applications for admission to an institution of higher education; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Meier, K. Anderson, Bolinske, Dobervich, Frelich, Heinert, Holle, Rohr, Weisz and Sens. Cleary, Dever, Hogan introduced:

HB 1543: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding prescription drug pricing and the maximum fair price as determined by the federal government.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. D. Johnston, Heilman, Hendrix, Koppelman, Nehring, VanWinkle and Sen. Wobbema introduced:

HB 1544: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 61-32-03 and 61-32-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to drainage permits.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Finley-DeVille, Brown, Davis, Dobervich, Holle and Sens. Marcellais, Mathern, Walen introduced:

HB 1545: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 1-03-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the name of First Nations Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Berg, B. Anderson, Heinert, Meier, Pyle, Swiontek, Wagner, Weisz and Sen. Sorvaag introduced:

HB 1546: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for purchases made by a contractor, subcontractor, or builder on behalf of the state of North Dakota; to amend and reenact section 57-40.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to use tax on contractors; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Richter, Conmy, Jonas, Mitskog, Nelson, Novak, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Axtman, Beard, Davison, Mathern introduced:

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.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Monson, K. Anderson, Christianson, Frelich, Sanford, Mitskog, O'Brien, Osowski, Murphy and Sens. Meyer, Myrdal introduced:

HB 1548: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services for a fitness center grant at the life skills and transition center.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Klemin, Hanson, Stemen and Sens. Larson, Davison introduced:

HB 1549: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-44.1, a new section to chapter 27-02, and three new sections to chapter 54-23.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the correctional facility grant program, Native American re-entry program, housing task force, and criminal justice data collection; to amend and reenact section 12-47-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating

to offenders released from the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to provide for a legislative management study; and to provide an appropriation.
Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Nelson, Berg, Kiefert, Mitskog, Novak, O'Brien, Weisz and Sens. Klein, Schaible introduced:

HB 1550: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a nursing and basic care facility loan guarantee program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Headland, Beltz, Holle, Brandenburg and Sens. Cory, Erbele, Wanzek introduced:

HB 1551: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 4.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regulation of biostimulants and beneficial substances; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Headland, Berg, Bosch, Dockter, Dressler, Grueneich, Hagert, Vollmer and Sens. Meyer, Patten, Thomas introduced:

HB 1552: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-09.1 and a new section to chapter 40-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limitation of the rate of home rule sales, use, or gross receipts taxes; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Hager, Brown, Christy, Holle, Longmuir, Mitskog, Novak, Schreiber-Beck, Schneider and Sens. Hogan, Marcellais introduced:

HB 1553: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-07-38 and 21-10-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school meal funding for all students in public and nonpublic schools and the legacy earnings fund; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. D. Anderson, Headland, O'Brien, Schauer, Vollmer, Novak and Sens. Dwyer, Thomas introduced:

HB 1554: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-17.8-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota outdoor heritage advisory board.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Rep. Hoverson introduced:

HB 1555: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 47-10.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required filings for foreign persons investing in agricultural lands; to repeal section 47-10.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required filings for foreign persons investing in agricultural lands; and to provide a contingent effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Stemen, Beltz, Hagert, O'Brien, Ostlie, Dockter, Nelson and Sens. Lee, Roers, Davison introduced:

HB 1556: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 14-15-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to relinquishment of parental rights of adoptive parents.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Rep. Schatz introduced:

HB 1557: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of water resources for legal fee reimbursement grants.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Schauer, D. Anderson, Ista, J. Johnson, Jonas, Richter, Beltz, Heinert, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Clemens, Conley, Wanzek introduced:

HB 1558: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-07, a new subsection to section 12.1-32-08, and a new section to chapter 39-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to restitution for the child of a victim of criminal vehicular homicide and conditions of probation; to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 12.1-32-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,

relating to probation and parental loss restitution; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Schauer, Bahl, Frelich, Jonas, Dockter, Grueneich, Ostlie, Vetter and Sens. Bekkedahl, Cory, Paulson introduced:

HB 1559: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limitations on taxable valuation of residential property; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Rep. Toman introduced:

HB 1560: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-02 and a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-55-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a primary residence long-term homeowner property valuation reduction; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Swiontek, Bosch, Fisher, Karls, Novak, Pyle, Nelson and Sens. Hogan, Lee, Myrdal, Axtman introduced:

HB 1561: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 51-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a commercial entity's liability for publishing or distributing sexual material harmful to a minor; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Osowski, Hauck, Heilman, Maki, Morton introduced:

HB 1562: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to training for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect; and to repeal section 15.1-19-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to training for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Davis, Brown, Finley-DeVille, Foss, Holle, Ista and Sens. Marcellais, Weston introduced:

HB 1563: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study related to tribal land taxation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Davis, Beltz, Brown, Finley-DeVille, Holle and Sens. Cleary, Cory, Hogan, Lee, Weston introduced:

HB 1564: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-19.1-01 and 27-19.1-02, subsection 1 of section 27-19.1-03, subsection 1 of section 27-19.1-04, and sections 27-19.1-05 and 27-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Indian child welfare.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Brown, Davis, Finley-DeVille, Holle, Ista, Murphy, Nelson and Sens. Marcellais, Mathern introduced:

HB 1565: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing a grant program for the education of nonbeneficiary students attending tribally controlled schools.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. D. Johnston, Christianson, Klemm, J. Olson, Schneider, VanWinkle introduced:

HB 1566: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of kratom; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Schneider, Brown, Davis, Finley-DeVille, McLeod, Mitskog, Nelson, Hager and Sens. Bekkedahl, Hogan introduced:

HB 1567: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to dental and oral health care status among Medicaid recipients and workforce support to improve access for low-income children, Native American children, and individuals with disabilities; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Schneider, Klemin, Dobervich, McLeod, Murphy, O'Brien and Sens. Hogan, Mathern introduced:

HB 1568: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission; and to provide for a legislative management report.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Richter, Brandenburg, Davis, Finley-DeVillie, Kiefert, S. Olson, Satrom and Sens. Conley, Marcellais, Myrdal, Sorvaag, Clemens introduced:

HB 1569: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sex trafficking awareness and prevention curriculum.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Steiner, McLeod, Nelson, S. Olson, Mitskog and Sens. Bekkedahl, Boschee, Larson, Myrdal, Luick introduced:

HB 1570: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 and two new sections to chapter 57-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a tobacco tax distribution behavioral health fund and the collection, transfer, and report of a tax on electronic smoking devices and alternative tobacco products; to amend and reenact sections 57-36-01, 57-36-25, 57-36-26, 57-36-31, and 57-36-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the tax imposed on cigarettes and other tobacco products; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Steiner, Kasper, Maki, Wolff, Toman, Motschenbacher and Sens. Magrum, Paulson, Wobbema introduced:

HB 1571: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 54-35-26 and section 57-40.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to evaluation of economic development tax incentives and the use tax exemption for raw materials, single-use product contact systems, and reagents used for biologic manufacturing; to repeal section 57-39.2-04.19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the sales tax exemption for raw materials, single-use product contact systems, and reagents used for biologic manufacturing; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Hagert, Dockter, Grueneich, Headland, J. Olson and Sens. Meyer, Patten, Thomas introduced:

HB 1572: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-11 and a new section to chapter 57-01, relating to state reimbursement of repealed levy authority and a uniform taxing district financial and property tax data reporting system; to amend and reenact sections 4.1-47-14, 11-38-01, 11-11-53, and 11-11.1-04, subsections 6 and 11 of section 21-03-07, subsection 1 of section 40-38-02, sections 57-15-02.2 and 57-15-06.4, subsection 1 of section 57-15-06.6, sections 57-15-06.7, 57-15-28, and 57-15-50, subsection 1 of section 57-15-56, sections 57-20-04 and 57-20-07.1, subsection 9 of section 61-24-08, and section 61-24-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to removal of county extension service and Garrison Diversion Conservancy District levy authority, park district bonding authority without a vote, estimated taxing district budget and budget hearing notices, reporting of legislative tax relief information, and delivery and contents of the real estate tax statement; to repeal section 57-15-26.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Garrison Diversion Conservancy District levy authority; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. S. Olson, Koppelman, Morton, Rios, Rohr, Hendrix and Sen. Magrum introduced:

HB 1573: A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 57-66 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the imposition of a pore space utilization tax and creation of a North Dakota disaster fund; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. S. Olson, Henderson and Sens. Clemens, Magrum, Weston introduced:

HB 1574: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 38-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a prohibition on direct air carbon dioxide capture projects; to amend and reenact section 38-08-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the industrial commission; to provide for application; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Weisz, Beltz, Dockter, Dressler, Hagert, Headland, Kempenich and Sens. Klein, Schaible, Thomas introduced:

HB 1575: A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 57-02 and a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-55-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to primary residence certification, a state reimbursed taxable valuation reduction for primary residential property, and a state reimbursed taxable valuation reduction for agricultural and commercial property owned by resident individuals or entities domiciled in the state; to amend and reenact sections 57-02-01, 57-02-08.10, 57-02-27, and 57-02-27.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to property classifications and the primary residence credit certification and state reimbursement; to repeal section 57-02-08.9 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the primary residence credit; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Reps. Kempenich, B. Anderson, Headland, Steiner and Sens. Bekkedahl, Kessel, Rummel, Hogue introduced:

HB 1576: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the oil and gas tax revenue allocation formulas.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Mitskog, Kempenich, Kiefert, Martinson, Nelson, Stemen and Sens. Kessel, Weber introduced:

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; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Grueneich, Brandenburg, Koppelman, O'Brien, Vetter, Weisz and Sens. Conley, Cory introduced:

HB 1578: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-40.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a motor vehicle excise tax exemption for abandoned motor vehicles; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23.1-15-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to excise tax on a motor vehicle taken into the custody of a commercial towing service.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Novak, Porter, Heinert and Sens. Kessel, Patten introduced:

HB 1579: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 49-03.1-01, 49-03.1-02, 49-03.1-03, and 49-03.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the requirement for data centers to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Vetter, Christianson, Dockter, Meier, Motschenbacher, D. Johnston and Sens. Cleary, Cory introduced:

HB 1580: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of state employee compensation levels.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Finley-DeVile, Brown, Davis, Ista and Sens. Mathern, Walen introduced:

HB 1581: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for tribal tourism grants.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Vetter, Christianson, S. Olson, Schauer, D. Johnston and Sens. Clemens, Sickler, Castaneda, Cory introduced:

HB 1582: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding a review of state laws relating to false accusations or false reports of a crime.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Kasper, Henderson, Koppelman, Louser, S. Olson, Steiner and Sens. Magrum, Paulson, Weston introduced:

HB 1583: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 16.1-08.1-01 and sections 16.1-08.1-03.2, 16.1-08.1-03.7, and 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration and disclosure requirements for a person making independent expenditures and false political advertisements; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Kasper, Koppelman, Lefor, Steiner, Vigesaa, Warrey and Sens. Barta, Boehm, Boschee, Hogue, Klein introduced:

HB 1584: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 26.1-27.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pharmacy benefits managers; to amend and reenact sections 26.1-27.1-01, 26.1-27.1-02, 26.1-27.1-04, 26.1-27.1-06 and 26.1-27.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pharmacy benefits managers; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. Kasper, Koppelman, Louser, Monson, Morton, Motschenbacher and Sens. Castaneda, Paulson, Powers introduced:

HB 1585: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-63 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a requirement for peace officers to report undocumented immigrants to United States immigration and customs; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. VanWinkle, Heilman, Morton, Brandenburg, Christianson, Dockter, Henderson, Toman, Hendrix, Hoverson and Sens. Magrum, Paulson introduced:

HB 1586: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 32-31, a new section to chapter 57-20, and a new section to chapter 57-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eliminating foreclosure of tax liens for residential property and collection of delinquent real property and special assessment taxes; to amend and reenact sections 40-25-03, 57-02-08.9, 57-02-08.10, 57-20-26, and 57-22-22, subsection 1 of section 57-38.3-02, sections 57-45-12, 61-01-21, 61-09-15, 61-16.1-31, 61-24.8-40, and 61-35-87, relating to the primary residence credit, setoff of income tax refunds for payment of delinquent real property and special assessment taxes, and eliminating foreclosure of tax liens for primary residential property; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Finance and Taxation Committee**.

Rep. Rios introduced:

HB 1587: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the prohibition against using voting systems in certain elections; and to amend and reenact sections 16.1-06-12, 16.1-06-14, and 16.1-06-15 and subsection 1 of section 16.1-06-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to election security and validation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Heinert, Dockter, Hauck, M. Ruby, Hagert and Sens. Cory, Gerhardt introduced:

HB 1588: A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to liability exemptions for public and private entities and the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a publicly owned or operated building; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 and sections 62.1-02-05 and 62.1-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to dangerous weapons, the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, and producing a concealed carry license upon request; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Heinert, Dockter, Hagert, Hauck, Headland, Novak, M. Ruby and Sens. Cory,

Gerhardt introduced:

HB 1589: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 62.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to law enforcement agency and concealed weapons test administrator certifications and firearm proficiency qualification course records; and to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 62.1-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to standards for qualification in firearms training for retired officers.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Heinert, Berg, Hauck, Lefor, Meier, Porter and Sen. Cory introduced:

HB 1590: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a student education services account pilot program; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Ostlie, Grueneich, Jonas, Novak, Pyle, Satrom, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen and Sens. Conley, Meyer, Wanzek introduced:

HB 1591: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the agriculture commissioner for a county fair resiliency grant program.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Novak, D. Anderson, J. Olson, Tveit and Sens. Boehm, Kessel introduced:

HB 1592: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-17.5-01, 54-17.5-02, 54-17.5-03, 54-17.5-04, and 54-17.5-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the appointments, operations, and powers of the lignite research council, the powers of the industrial commission, and public record exemptions.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. Hendrix, Bolinske, VanWinkle, K. Anderson, M. Ruby, McLeod, Frelich, Steiner and Sens. Boehm, Paulson, Castaneda, Clemens introduced:

HB 1593: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 51-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a commercial entity's liability for publishing or distributing sexual material harmful to a minor; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Hendrix, Conmy, Frelich, Kasper, Koppelman, Rohr, Nelson, D. Johnston and Sens. Mathern, Weston, Magrum introduced:

HB 1594: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 and to amend and reenact section 26.1-47-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health care facility and preferred provider compliance with medical cost transparency requirements; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Conmy, Hanson, Ista, Murphy, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Hogan, Boschee, Davison introduced:

HB 1595: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pregnancy resource centers that receive state funding.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Conmy, Dobervich, Foss, Murphy, M. Ruby, Vetter, Hendrix, Heinert and Sens. Braunberger, Boschee introduced:

HB 1596: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to 19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to noncriminal marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or paraphernalia violations; to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 7 of section 19-03.1-23, subsection 9 of section 19-03.1-23, and subsection 4 of section 19-03.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to penalties for the possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or paraphernalia; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Rep. Heinert introduced:

HB 1597: A BILL for an Act to provide an exemption; and to provide for the distribution of state financial assistance to eligible ambulance service operations.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Schreiber-Beck, D. Anderson, Hagert, Nelson, Wagner introduced:

HB 1598: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hunting big game or small game other than waterfowl or cranes with a motor-driven vehicle.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**.

Reps. O'Brien, Dockter, Martinson, Mitskog, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Axtman, Roers introduced:

HB 1599: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-14.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to shared leave for state employees.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. O'Brien, Sanford, Schreiber-Beck and Sens. Axtman, Sickler introduced:

HB 1600: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the immigration law clinic at the university of North Dakota school of law; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. O'Brien, McLeod, Satrom, Nelson, Bahl and Sens. Lee, Roers introduced:

HB 1601: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-12-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to special assistant attorney generals.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Kasper, J. Johnson, Kempenich, Koppelman, Motschenbacher, D. Ruby, Steiner and Sens. Cleary, Paulson, Hogue, Klein introduced:

HB 1602: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-52-02.15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to political subdivision participation in the public employees retirement system defined contribution retirement plan.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Brown, Davis, Finley-DeVilleville, Ista, Nelson and Sens. Boschee, Braunberger, Mathern introduced:

HB 1603: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for Native American grave protection and repatriation projects.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Murphy, Conmy, Hager, Jonas, Richter, Schreiber-Beck and Sen. Barta introduced:

HB 1604: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the funding of kindergarten through grade twelve school construction; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. Heilman, Toman, VanWinkle, D. Johnston and Sens. Van Oosting, Paulson, Magrum introduced:

HB 1605: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-28.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the prohibition on water fluoridation; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Heilman, Dobervich, Rios and Sens. Boschee, Mathern introduced:

HB 1606: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sick leave for state employees.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Reps. Heilman, S. Olson, VanWinkle and Sen. Magrum introduced:

HB 1607: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the educational empowerment account for authorized educational expenses; and to amend and reenact section 15.1-20-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compulsory attendance exceptions.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Rep. Heilman introduced:

HB 1608: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to employee leave for rest and worship; and to provide a penalty.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. VanWinkle, Heilman, Hendrix, D. Johnston, Koppelman, Morton, D. Ruby, Toman and Sens. Castaneda, Paulson, Wobbema introduced:

HB 1609: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 27-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to admission to the bar examination through an apprenticeship program developed, established, and implemented by the supreme court.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Warrey, J. Johnson, Lefor, McLeod, Novak, Richter and Sen. Lemm introduced:

HB 1610: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 47-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibited lease provisions in a contract to lease real property.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Industry, Business and Labor Committee**.

Reps. Finley-DeVille, Brown, Conmy and Sen. Mathern introduced:

HB 1611: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding oil and chemical spills on state highways within the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

Reps. Bahl, K. Anderson, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen and Sens. Axtman, Cory, Meyer introduced:

HB 1612: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine; and to provide an appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Reps. Hendrix, Christianson, Koppelman, VanWinkle, Toman and Sens. Castaneda, Magrum, Paulson introduced:

HB 1613: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 29-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to law enforcement use of a drone or robot.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Hendrix, D. Johnston introduced:

HB 1614: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the operation of an automated truck tractor; and to amend and reenact section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of an automated truck tractor.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

Reps. Grueneich, Hagert, Koppelman, Vetter, O'Brien and Sen. Roers introduced:

HB 1615: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-03 and subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to securing a lease for a gaming site location and allowable expenses from adjusted gross proceeds from charitable gaming.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Reps. Marschall, D. Johnston, Koppelman, Morton and Sen. Cory introduced:

HB 1616: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-02-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to availability of voter lists.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Rep. Finley-DeVille introduced:

HB 1617: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for tribal school infrastructure projects.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Rep. Finley-DeVille introduced:

HB 1618: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for tribal school infrastructure grants.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Education Committee**.

Reps. O'Brien, Mitskog, Nelson, Stemen and Sens. Dever, Klein introduced:

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 fund; to provide for a transfer; and to provide for a continuing appropriation.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Human Services Committee**.

Rep. Osowski introduced:

HB 1620: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a state fiscal transparency online portal.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Political Subdivisions Committee**.

FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Reps. Dockter, Heinert, Martinson, Porter, M. Ruby and Sens. Axtman, Bekkedahl, Gerhardt, Meyer introduced:

HCR 3007: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize United States troops who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992.

Was read the first time and referred to the **Agriculture Committee**.

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

Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk

