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Bismarck, February 25, 2025

The Senate convened at 8:00 a.m., with President Strinden presiding.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Les Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck.

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

A quorum was declared by the President.

CORRECTION AND REVISION OF THE JOURNAL

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

Page 483, replace line 37, "13 YEAS, 31 NAYS" with "42 YEAS, 2 NAYS"

Page 483, replace lines 39 to 44 with:

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

NAYS: Powers; Roers

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Erbele; Myrdal; Sickler"

Page 495, line 12, replace "Janel" with "JoNell"

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

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that SB 2308 be moved to the bottom of the Sixth order, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that that the Senate suspend Senate Rule 601(3)(a) for the purpose of placing SCR 4012 on today's calendar, which motion prevailed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2160: SEN. DAVISON (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0142.02007](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2160: A BILL for 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 amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 44 YEAS, 2

NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Dever; Gerhardt

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2160 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2395: SEN. WOBBERA (Workforce Development Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1374.01003](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2395: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to universal licensure and board operations.

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 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; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2395 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2021: SEN. DAVISON (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0188.01001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2021: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the information technology department; to amend and reenact sections 54-59-14 and 54-59-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the information technology operating fund; to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

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 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; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2021 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2002: SEN. THOMAS (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0169.01001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

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 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, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, 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; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2002 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2018: SEN. DWYER (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0185.01002](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**.

REMARKS OF SEN. DWYER

Madam President, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, the Senate Appropriations Committee Government Operations Division held a hearing on the community services block grant moneys anticipated by the Department of Commerce during the period beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2027.

If any member of the Legislative Assembly desires copies of the minutes and testimony presented to the Senate Appropriations Committee Government Operations Division during the grant hearing, the Senate Appropriations Committee Operations Division clerk will make copies available to you. I am informing you about the availability of the information at this time because your approval or disapproval of the appropriations for the Department of Commerce includes the legislative action regarding the use of the federal block funds.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the remarks of Sen. Dwyer be printed in the journal, which motion prevailed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SEN. MEYER STATED that he had a personal or private interest in SB 2018.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Sen. Meyer be allowed to vote on SB 2018, which motion prevailed.

The question being on the motion to adopt the amendments to SB 2018, the proposed amendments were adopted on a voice vote.

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 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 section 54-60-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the name of the office of legal immigration to the office of global talent; to provide for a transfer; 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, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 36 YEAS, 9 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Myrdal; Patten; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Wanzek; Weber

NAYS: Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Magrum; Paulson; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan; Meyer

Engrossed SB 2018 passed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate stand in recess until 10:00 a.m., which motion prevailed.

THE SENATE RECONVENED pursuant to recess taken, with President Strinden presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2015: SEN. CLEARY (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0182.01007](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

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 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, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, 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; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2015 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2128, as engrossed: SEN. MYRDAL (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.8109.02002](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO NOT PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2128: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12-44.1-01, 12-47-18.1, 12-48.1-01, 12-48.1-02, 12-54.1-01, 12-54.1-03, 12.1-08-02, 12.1-17-01, 12.1-32-02.1, 12.1-32-09.1, and 39-10-71 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transparent sentencing of criminal offenders, transfer of persons between correctional facilities, work release eligibility and conditions for criminal offenders, sentences for assaulting and fleeing from law enforcement officers, and sentences for preventing arrest; to provide a legislative management report; to provide a penalty; and to provide for application.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 28 YEAS, 18 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Clemens; Conley; Dwyer; Enget; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

NAYS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Cory; Davison; Dever; Erbele; Klein; Lee; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Roers; Wanzek

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Reengrossed SB 2128 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2363, as engrossed: SEN. WEBER (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.1333.03001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2363: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-27-02, sections 15.1-27-04.1, 15.1-27-04.2, and 57-15-01.1, paragraph 3 of subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 57-15-14, section 57-15-14.2, and subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 57-20-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of state aid payments, state aid minimum local effort, the protection of taxpayers and taxing districts, voter approval of excess levies in school districts, school district levies, and contents of the property tax statement; and to provide an effective date.

MOTION

SEN. BEKKEDAHL MOVED that Reengrossed SB 2363 be amended ([25.1333.04001](#)).

REQUEST

SEN. DAVISON REQUESTED a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Reengrossed SB 2363, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Reengrossed SB 2363 were adopted on a verification vote.

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 23 YEAS, 23 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Conley; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Klein; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber

NAYS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Cory; Davison; Dever; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Larson; Lee; Magrum; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Sickler; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Reengrossed SB 2363 failed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate stand in recess until 1:00 p.m., which motion prevailed.

THE SENATE RECONVENED pursuant to recess taken, with President Strinden presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2003: SEN. SORVAAG (Appropriations Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0170.01004](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2003: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota university system; to provide an appropriation to the Bank of North Dakota; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 6-09-53, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2, subdivisions a and c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49, subsection 1 of section 15-10-75, paragraph 3 of subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-02, subsection 2 of section 15-18.2-03, subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-05, sections 15-54.1-02 and 15-54.1-04, subsection 1 of section 15-62.4-01, and section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the economic diversification research fund, matching grants for the advancement of academics, the workforce education innovation program, state aid for institutions of higher education, university system capital building funds, student financial assistance grants, and the cancellation of unexpended appropriations; to amend and reenact sections 6 and 7 of chapter 126 of the 2021 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund and the skilled workforce scholarship fund; to amend and reenact subsection 17 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws, relating to funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy; to amend and reenact sections 7, 8, and 9 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund, the skilled workforce scholarship fund, and to the state board of higher education for dual-credit tuition scholarships; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to provide for a transfer; to provide for the conveyance of real property; to provide for a legislative management higher education funding review committee; to provide for a report; to provide legislative intent; and to provide an exemption.

MOTION

SEN. WANZEK MOVED that Engrossed SB 2003 be amended ([25.0170.02001](#)).

REQUEST

SEN. WANZEK REQUESTED a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2003, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2003 failed on a verification vote.

SB 2003: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota university system; to provide an appropriation to the Bank of North Dakota; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 6-09-53, subdivision c of

subsection 1 of section 15-10-48, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48.2, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 15-10-49, subsection 1 of section 15-10-75, paragraph 3 of subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-02, subsection 2 of section 15-18.2-03, subsection 1 of section 15-18.2-05, sections 15-54.1-02 and 15-54.1-04, subsection 1 of section 15-62.4-01, and section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the economic diversification research fund, matching grants for the advancement of academics, the workforce education innovation program, state aid for institutions of higher education, university system capital building funds, student financial assistance grants, and the cancellation of unexpended appropriations; to amend and reenact sections 6 and 7 of chapter 126 of the 2021 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund and the skilled workforce scholarship fund; to amend and reenact subsection 17 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws, relating to funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy; to amend and reenact sections 7, 8, and 9 of chapter 3 of the 2023 Session Laws, relating to transfers from the Bank of North Dakota to the skilled workforce loan repayment program fund, the skilled workforce scholarship fund, and to the state board of higher education for dual-credit tuition scholarships; to authorize the state board of higher education to issue and sell bonds for capital projects; to provide for a transfer; to provide for the conveyance of real property; to provide for a legislative management higher education funding review committee; to provide for a report; to provide legislative intent; and to provide an exemption.

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 44 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Boehm; Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Hogan

Engrossed SB 2003 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SB 2308: SEN. ROERS (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.0776.02005](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

SB 2308: A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding the duties and responsibilities of boards.

MOTION

SEN. LEE MOVED that Engrossed SB 2308 be amended ([25.0776.03001](#)).

REQUEST

SEN. ROERS REQUESTED a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2308, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Engrossed SB 2308 failed on a verification vote.

SB 2308: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23.1-01, a new section to chapter 54-07, and a new section to chapter 61-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to standards for well drilling and installation of water well pumps, pitless units, and monitoring wells, a boards review task force, and

requirements for firms engaged in water well work, installation of water well pump and pitless units, monitoring well work, and drilling of geothermal systems; to amend and reenact section 6-09-43, subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 15.1-01-04, sections 15.1-07-33 and 23-35-02.2, subsection 1 of section 50-06-01.4, sections 52-02-02 and 52-02-08, subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2, sections 54-54-05, 54-59-26, 54-59-27, 54-59-34, 54-59-36, 54-59-37, 54-59-39, 61-03-01.3, 61-04.1-03, 61-04.1-08, 61-04.1-09, 61-04.1-12, 61-04.1-14, 61-04.1-15, 61-04.1-16, 61-04.1-17, 61-04.1-18, 61-04.1-19, 61-04.1-20, 61-04.1-21, 61-04.1-33, 61-04.1-34, 61-04.1-37, 61-04.1-38, and 61-04.1-39, and subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 65-02-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the wastewater recycling treatment guide, boards and commissions, the unemployment insurance advisory council, gubernatorial appointments, the committee on aging, health information technology advisory committee, statewide longitudinal data system committee, atmospheric resource board, the department of health and human services, the council on the arts, the state engineer, the superintendent of public instruction, job service North Dakota, and workforce safety and insurance coordinating committee; to repeal chapter 8-11.1, sections 12-48-06.1, 15.1-37-05, 15.1-37-06, and 15.1-37-08, chapter 17-07, sections 19-24.1-38, 19.1-24.1-39, and 23-35-02.3, chapters 34-16 and 43-35, sections 50-06-05.6, 50-06.4-10, 50-11.1-25, 50-11.1-26, 50-11.1-27, 52-02-07, 54-34.3-10, 54-54-10, 54-59-25, 54-59-33, 54-59-35, 54-59-38, 54-60-25, 55-01-13, 55-01-14, 61-04.1-04, 61-04.1-05, 61-04.1-06, 61-04.1-07, and 61-04.1-10, and chapter 61-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to occupational and professional boards, the midwest interstate passenger rail compact, prison industry advisory committee, energy policy commission, medical marijuana advisory committee, onsite wastewater recycling technical committee, state board of water well contractors, committee on aging, brain injury advisory council, early childhood council, unemployment insurance advisory council, commission on the status of women, health information technology advisory committee, poet laureate nominating board, rural development council, America 250 commission, atmospheric resource board, and Devils Lake outlet management advisory committee; to provide for a legislative management report; 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, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 30 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Enget; Erbele; Hogue; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Walen; Wanzek

NAYS: Boehm; Braunberger; Burckhard; Clemens; Dwyer; Gerhardt; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Magrum; Powers; Van Oosting; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Boschee; Hogan

Engrossed SB 2308 passed.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

SCR 4012: SEN. MYRDAL (Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee) MOVED that the amendments ([25.3072.01001](#)) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR 4012: A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on any land.

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

Engrossed SCR 4012 was declared adopted on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR 4016: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying primary election procedures applying to partisan races and whether the use of a separate ballot based on political party would enrich the primary election held in the state.

REQUEST

SEN. WALEN REQUESTED a verification vote on the adoption of SCR 4016, which request was granted.

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

SCR 4016 was declared lost on a verification vote.

SECOND READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SCR 4014: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying election and political party activities in a legislative district containing tribal lands.

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

SCR 4014 was declared lost on a verification vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1068: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-01-05.5, 43-10-10.1, and 44-04-18.18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to autopsy reports, working papers, funeral practice exceptions, and photographs.

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 44 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

NAYS: Magrum

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Boschee; Hogan

Engrossed HB 1068 passed.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

HB 1244: A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 and a new subdivision to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a home education income tax credit for qualified educational expenses; and to provide an effective date.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS, the roll was called and there were 15 YEAS, 30 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

YEAS: Beard; Boehm; Clemens; Cory; Dwyer; Enget; Gerhardt; Luick; Magrum; Myrdal; Powers; Sickler; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek

NAYS: Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Braunberger; Burckhard; Castaneda; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Dever; Erbele; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Paulson; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING: Boschee; Hogan

Engrossed HB 1244 failed.

MOTION

SEN. KLEIN MOVED that Engrossed SB 2160, Engrossed SB 2395, Engrossed SB 2021, Engrossed SB 2002, Engrossed SB 2018, Engrossed SB 2015, Reengrossed SB 2128, Engrossed SB 2003, Engrossed SB 2308, and Engrossed SCR 4012 be messaged to the House immediately, which motion prevailed.

REMARKS OF SENATOR KLEIN

Monday, January 20, 2025 was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Monday, February 17, 2025 was George Washington's Birthday, both official state holidays. Both days are paid holidays for most state employees. Legislative Assembly employees were required to work on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and George Washington's Birthday. The Legislative Assembly will be in recess on Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4, 2025. Legislative Assembly employees will be paid for those 2 days.

In addition, employees of the Senate have worked many hours of uncompensated overtime since the session began. In recognition of the uncompensated overtime, employees will be paid for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 26, 27, and 28, 2025 even though the Senate will be in recess on those days.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2002, SB 2003, SB 2012, SB 2014, SB 2015, SB 2018, SB 2021, SB 2128, SB 2160, SB 2214, SB 2217, SB 2230, SB 2258, SB 2267, SB 2281, SB 2308, SB 2321, SB 2326, SB 2338, SB 2341, SB 2370, SB 2390, SB 2395.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1068.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HB 1244.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SCR 4007, SCR 4012, SCR 4013, SCR 4017, SCR 4020, SCR 4024.

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 1086, HB 1169, HB 1191, HB 1201, HB 1205, HB 1214, HB 1229, HB 1257, HB 1274, HB 1303, HB 1307, HB 1375, HB 1388, HB 1391, HB 1419, HB 1429, HB 1430, HB 1454, HB 1476, HB 1489, HB 1510, HB 1527, HB 1531, HB 1535, HB 1537, HB 1541, HB 1577, HB 1579, HB 1596, HB 1597, HB 1600, HB 1614.

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: HCR 3013, HCR 3018, HCR 3030.

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 1006, HB 1012, HB 1013, HB 1018, HB 1130, HB 1168, HB 1213, HB 1265, HB 1266, HB 1283, HB 1322, HB 1326, HB 1332, HB 1363, HB 1369, HB 1381, HB 1417, HB 1425, HB 1448, HB 1458, HB 1468, HB 1504, HB 1540, HB 1549, HB 1567, HB

1575, HB 1581, HB 1588, HB 1601, HB 1619.

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 1015, HB 1020, HB 1024, HB 1176.

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 1400, HB 1511.

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: HCR 3029.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG
This is to inform you that on February 25, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2028.

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

MOTION
SEN. KLEIN MOVED that the Senate be on the Fifth, Ninth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Friday, March 7, 2025, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4012

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.3072.01001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4012 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

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

Shanda Morgan, Secretary

