

## Preparing for Bill Crossover This Month



Senator Dick Dever serving as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee - Human Resources Division

The 69th Legislative Assembly is one quarter of the way through its 80 legislative days. To date, 1,072 bills and resolutions have been introduced, the most since the 1997 session. The record is 1,424, set during the 1987 legislative session.

One month in, over half of the introduced measures are waiting for action. The house has 402 measures remaining to

be heard in committee and the Senate has 237 measures remaining to be heard in committee. Some measures are already being heard in committee by the second chamber.

All study resolutions and amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota must be introduced by 5:00 p.m. on February 25.

## Referral to Appropriations Committee - Deadline Monday

All bills required to be heard by the Appropriations Committees before final passage must be moved out of standing committees by Monday, February 10. According to House and Senate Rule 329, all bills **providing an appropriation** of \$50,000 or more (for a Senate Bill) or \$100,000 more (for a House Bill) must be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee. Both the House and Senate rules also require every bill or resolution **having a fiscal impact** of \$200,000 or more on the appropriation for a state agency or department to be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

A member seeking to verify whether a bill must be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee may review the current version of the measure in LAWS to see if the measure contains appropriation sections totaling \$50,000 or more (for a Senate bill) or \$100,000 or more (for a House bill) or has a fiscal note with total general fund and other fund expenditures for the 2025-27 biennium totaling \$200,000 or more. Bills meeting these requirements should be leaving standing committees with a recommendation for a rereferral to the Appropriations Committee.

## Keeping ND Informed

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## Employee Spotlight



Emily Thompson joined the Legislative Council in 2014 after nearly 5 years of service at the Tax Department. She began her career at the Legislative Council working in the taxation and energy portfolios. After 4 years at the Legislative Council, she was promoted to the position of Code Revisor. In 2021, she assumed her current role as Legal Division Director, in which she manages a staff of 12. Emily is known for her bright smile, her self-proclaimed status as a tax dork, and her love for a good pun.

Both Emily (from Minnesota) and her husband Michael (from Indiana) have proudly called North Dakota home for the past 20 years, since they first met at the University of North Dakota School of Law in 2005. In her free time, Emily enjoys spending time with her two small rescue dogs, Lola and Chewy, and getting her hands dirty in the latest gardening or home renovation project.

**1,072** Bills and Resolutions Introduced  
648 House  
424 Senate

**1,741** Bills and Resolutions Requested

**1,024** Bills Heard in Committee

**403** Amendments Requested

**204 Bills** Passed in the House

**153 Bills** Passed in the Senate

**2 Bills** Enrolled

## Important Dates

**Feb. 10:** Deadline to Refer House Bills to Approps

**Feb. 10:** Deadline to Refer Senate Bills to Approps

**Feb. 25:** Constitutional Amendment and Study Resolution Introduction Deadline

**Feb. 25:** Deadline to Report All Other Bills and Resolutions out of Committee

**Feb. 28:** Crossover Date for Bills

## Photos from the Floor

