

Was It All Worth It



At the close of each legislative session, it is not uncommon to hear statements from legislators, staff, lobbyists, and others involved with the process suggesting they are never going to go through this again. Recently, a legislator suggested statements like that are similar to statements made by mothers after giving birth - once the pain goes away and you see the good that came from that pain, you will have an entirely different perspective.

Over the last 4 months, the Legislative Assembly has passed approximately 600 bills. Those bills will have a tremendous impact on the citizens of the state. Funding was provided for tax relief, infrastructure improvements, education, social services, and public safety. The impact of the work of the Legislative Assembly will be felt for years.

When everyone has time to rest, return to a normal life, assess the work of the session, and ask "was it worth it," giving all my heart and soul to make the state better, we suspect the answer from most will be, "It definitely was!"

Session Statistics

- **30** Bills Awaiting Final Action
- **18** Bills in Committee
- 611 Bills Enrolled
- **536** Bills Signed by Governor
- 1,418 Amendments Requested

Photos from the Floor





Employee Spotlight



Tyler Biegler joined the Legislative Council in 2012 and now serves as a senior information technology specialist. Before joining the Legislative Council, he worked for MDU Resources and Sanford Medical Center.

Tyler grew up near Driscoll, North Dakota and attended Bismarck State College, where he

studied computer information systems. Tyler and his wife, Kirstie, have been married for over 20 years and keep busy raising their five boys. His spare time is filled with hunting, fishing, kayaking, camping, and golfing.

Employee Spotlight



Alex Cronquist started working for the state at the State Auditor's office before joining the Legislative Council as a fiscal analyst in 2013. His portfolio includes the University System, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of Water Resources, and judicial branch.

Alex grew up in Gilby, North Dakota and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in accountancy and a minor in banking and financial economics. He earned his Certified Public Accountant license in 2012. Alex enjoys spending time with his wife, Pauline, and their one-and-a-half-year-old son, Jameson. In his free time, he enjoys curling, golfing, camping, traveling, and spending time at the lake in Bemidji, Minnesota.

