

**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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Terence B. Bjerke and Leverrett Oley Larsen,

Petitioners,

vs.

The North Dakota Legislative Assembly and  
Michael Howe, in his official capacity as  
North Dakota Secretary of State,

Respondent.

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**SUPREME COURT NO.**

**PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND WRIT OF INJUNCTION**

**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED**

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## STATEMENT OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

[¶1] This Petition invokes the Court’s original jurisdiction to resolve legal disputes concerning the validity of the Legislative Assembly’s adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4008. The Petition raises important issues concerning the Legislative Assembly’s attempt to alter and repeal portions of Article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota – despite the explicit limitations on their authority to do so under Article XV, Section 4, and the Article III, Section 8 constitutional protections provided to the electors of North Dakota to ensure that the people rule.

[¶2] This Court has original jurisdiction over original and remedial writs as it deems necessary. N.D. Const. Art. VI, § 2; N.D.C.C. § 27-02-04. The Court may exercise original jurisdiction over actions for declaratory judgment and writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, and injunction, among others. *See North Dakota Legislative Assembly v. Burgum*, 2018 ND 189, ¶ 4, 916 N.W.2d 83 (declaratory judgment); N.D.C.C. § 27-02-04 (writs). The Court may exercise its original jurisdiction “where the questions presented are *publici juris* and affect the sovereignty of the state, the franchises or prerogatives of the state, or the liberties of its people.” *Berg v. Jaeger*, 2020 ND 178, ¶ 7, 948 N.W.2d 4 (quoting *Riemers v. Jaeger*, 2018 ND 192, ¶ 5, 916 N.W.2d 113).

[¶3] The Court should exercise its original jurisdiction to consider the presented questions involving the constitutional limits on the power of the legislative branch, especially when the public has an interest or right that may be impacted. *See Peterson v. Olson*, 307 N.W.2d 528, 531 (N.D. 1981) (exercising original jurisdiction regarding the respective authorities of the Governor and Legislative Assembly). This Court has “consistently recognized that the power of the people to govern themselves through the voting process implicates a public interest.” *Burgum v. Jaeger*, 2020 ND 251, ¶ 7, 951

N.W.2d 380, 383; *see also Berg*, 2020 ND 178, ¶ 8, 948 N.W.2d at 7 (“issue here involving the eligibility of a candidate for state office is a matter of public interest warranting the exercise of this Court’s original jurisdiction to consider Berg’s petition.”); *RECALLND v. Jaeger*, 2010 ND 250, ¶ 7, 792 N.W.2d 511, 513 (“State has a primary interest in the outcome [of whether recall petition is placed on ballot] and the sovereign rights of its citizens are affected”); *Bolinske v. Jaeger*, 2008 ND 180, ¶ 11, 756 N.W.2d 336, 341 (exercising original jurisdiction to address whether Secretary of State erred by not placing candidate’s name on ballot).

[¶4] The issues herein presented implicate “the process of referendum whereby the people, through the exercise of their right to vote, determine the laws under which they will be governed. Few matters encompass more public interest than this process which reserves unto the people the power to govern themselves.” *State ex rel. Wefald v. Meier*, 347 N.W.2d 562, 564 (N.D. 1984) (citing *Dawson v. Tobin*, 24 N.W.2d 737 (N.D. 1946)).<sup>1</sup> In *Wefald*, this Court exercised original jurisdiction, where like here, the dispute centered around “an important and fundamental step in the referendum process.” *Id.* This Court “conclude[d] therefore, that this is a matter of public interest which warrants our exercise of original jurisdiction.” *Id.*; *see also State ex rel. Walker v. Link*, 232 N.W.2d 823, 825 (N.D. 1975) (granting private citizen’s application for this Court to exercise its discretionary original jurisdiction in a dispute involving a referendum petition for a legislative appropriation for

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<sup>1</sup> Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution of North Dakota provides for original jurisdiction review for “[a]ll decisions of the secretary of state in the [initiative] petition process [...]” While this automatic original jurisdiction is not triggered here, Article III, Section 7 underscores the critical public importance of the prompt and final resolution of constitutional issues involving ballot measures.

the University of North Dakota).

[¶5] “It is the responsibility of this Court to act as the ultimate interpreter of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota.” *State ex rel. Sanstead v. Freed*, 251 N.W.2d 898, 903 (N.D. 1977). “Even a question of whether a matter has, in any manner, been committed by the Constitution to another branch of government, or whether the action of that branch exceeds whatever authority has been committed to it, is itself a delicate exercise in constitutional interpretation and is a responsibility of this Court as ultimate interpreter of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota.” *Id.* at 904 (citations omitted).

[¶6] This Court has original jurisdiction to review the legality of SCR 4008, and to resolve whether its constitutional measure should be placed on the ballot. *See Wefald*, 347 N.W.2d at 564; *also see Mun. Servs. Corp. v. Kusler*, 490 N.W.2d 700, 701 (N.D. 1992). In the absence of a writ enjoining the Secretary of State from proceeding, an obviously unconstitutional ballot measure will be before the North Dakota electors in November—wasting taxpayer dollars on a plainly unconstitutional referendum while sowing voter confusion and undermining public confidence in institutions. The swift resolution of these issues is of paramount importance to the interests of the State and the citizens of North Dakota, and the Court’s exercise of its original jurisdiction is clearly warranted.

#### **REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

[¶7] This Petition addresses matters of substantial public importance including questions of legislative authority and procedural fairness relevant to all initiated constitutional measures in North Dakota. Oral argument is respectfully requested under Rule 28(h) of the North Dakota Rules of Appellate Procedure. It is respectfully submitted that oral argument will assist the Court in its determination of the issues presented herein.

## **STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES PRESENTED FOR REVIEW**

[¶8]

1. Does Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution of North Dakota remove from the Legislative Assembly the authority to propose a constitutional amendment to alter or repeal the term limitations established in Article XV, Section 1?
2. Does Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of North Dakota, which protects a measure to amend the Constitution that has been approved by the electors from subsequent tampering by the Legislative Assembly, operate to prohibit the Legislative Assembly from amending 2022 Constitutional Measure 1, an initiated measure approved by the electors in 2022, and render any legislative act to effectuate such amendment void *ab initio*?
3. Does Senate Concurrent Resolution 4008 of the 69th Legislative Assembly violate Article XV, Section 4 and Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of North Dakota, with such effect that the resolution is void *ab initio*?
4. If Senate Concurrent Resolution 4008 is void for one or both of the afore stated reasons, should this Court enjoin 2026 Constitutional Measure 1 from being placed on the 2026 General Election Ballot? Or in the alternative, should this Court enjoin any votes for Constitutional Measure 1 from being counted and certified?

## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

[¶9] This is an action for the Court to exercise original jurisdiction pursuant to Section 27-02-04, N.D.C.C.; grant declaratory relief pursuant to Section 32-23-01, N.D.C.C.; issue

a writ of injunction under Section 32-06-01, N.D.C.C; and grant Petitioners their reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Section 32-23-08, N.D.C.C.

[¶10] In 2022, North Dakota electors, including Petitioners, overwhelmingly approved Constitutional Measure 1, which added to the Constitution of North Dakota an article establishing executive and legislative branch term limits. *See* N.D. Const., Art. XV. In addition to enshrining those term limits in the constitution, Article XV, in its Section 4, also placed a limitation on future constitutional amendments to those term limits — requiring any such modifications to be initiated by the people.

[¶11] Despite these plain constraints on their power, last year the North Dakota Legislative Assembly adopted SCR 4008, proposing a constitutional measure that would putatively amend Section 1 of Article XV of the state constitution to weaken the prescribed term limits. Even if Article XV, Section 4, permitted the Legislative Assembly to adopt this resolution and refer this measure, which it doesn't, neither chamber of the Legislative Assembly adopted SCR 4008 with the required two-thirds majority necessary to satisfy the anti-tampering requirements of Article III, Section 8 of the state constitution. Therefore, SCR 4008 is plainly void *ab initio*.

[¶12] Despite those patently fatal flaws, the Secretary of State has indicated his intent to place the measure proposed by SCR 4008 on the General Election Ballot in November 2026 as Constitutional Measure 1.

[¶13] The Petitioners, all North Dakota electors, therefore, request the following relief:

1. A declaration that SCR 4008, proposing a ballot measure to amend Section 1 of Article XV and repeal Section 4 of Article XV of the Constitution of North

Dakota, is void *ab initio* as being in violation of Article XV, Section 4 and/or Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of North Dakota.

2. A declaration that the proposed Constitutional Measure 1 for the 2026 General Election Ballot is therefore similarly void *ab initio*.

3. A writ of injunction preventing the Secretary of State from taking any steps in furtherance of placing Constitutional Measure 1 on the 2026 General Election Ballot; or, in the alternative, a writ of injunction preventing the Secretary of State from counting any votes on, and certifying any election results for, this Measure.

4. An award to Petitioners of their reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with this matter.

#### **STATEMENT OF THE FACTS**

[¶14] The facts set forth herein are supported by the verifying declarations of Petitioners, Terence B. Bjerke and Leverrett Oley Larsen.

[¶15] Petitioner, Terence B. Bjerke, is a North Dakota resident and “qualified elector” under the state Constitution. N.D. Const. Art. II. *See* (E1, *Dec. of T. Bjerke*). Mr. Bjerke was also a member of the sponsoring committee of the Term Limits Initiative discussed more particularly below. *Id.*

[¶16] Petitioner, Leverrett Oley Larsen, is a North Dakota resident and “qualified elector” under the state constitution. N.D. Const. Art. II, § 1. *See* (E2, *Dec. of L.O. Larsen*). Mr. Larsen is a former member of the North Dakota Senate, where he served as President Pro Tempore from April 18, 2019, through January 5, 2021. *Id.* Mr. Larsen was a member of the Term Limits Initiative sponsoring committee discussed more particularly below. *Id.*

[¶17] In 2021, a group of North Dakota citizens, including Petitioners, formed the committee ND for Term Limits and circulated petitions for an initiated measure to add term

limits to North Dakota’s Constitution (the “Term Limits Initiative”). *See* (E3, 2022 *Initiative Petition*). As described in its petition title:

this initiated measure would add a new article to the North Dakota Constitution. Under the measure, an individual could not serve as a state legislator for a total of more than eight years in either the North Dakota House of Representatives or the North Dakota Senate, separately. It also would prohibit an individual from being elected as Governor more than twice. Service as a member of the legislature or election to the office of governor before the effective date of this measure would not count towards an individual’s eight-year or two-election limit. An individual would not be allowed to serve a full or remaining term as a member of the legislature if serving the term would cause the individual to serve a total of more than eight years in that particular house. Any amendment to this article could not be proposed by the legislature, but only by citizen initiative. The article would become effective on January 1, 2023 if approved by the voters. If the measure conflicts with any other provision of the constitution, the measure states it would prevail over the other constitutional provision.

[¶18] The Term Limits Initiative’s sponsors submitted 46,366 signatures on February 15, 2022, and after an initial legal challenge, this Court ordered the initiative to be placed on the ballot as Constitutional Measure 1 for the November 2022 General Election. *See Hendrix v. Jaeger*, 2022 ND 168, 979 N.W.2d 918.

[¶19] In the November 8, 2022, General Election, North Dakota’s electors overwhelmingly approved Constitutional Measure 1, by a nearly 2-1 margin. *See* (E4, *S.L. 2023 ch. 594, Approval of TL Measure*). Thereafter, the Term Limits Initiative’s proposed language was added to the Constitution of North Dakota as new Article XV, effective January 1, 2023. *See* N.D. Const. Art. XV, § 5.

[¶20] While Article XV added term limits for both members of the Legislative Assembly (Section 1) and the office of the Governor (Section 2), those were not its only provisions. In Section 4 it prescribed that:

[n]otwithstanding the legislative assembly’s authority to propose amendments to this constitution under article IV, section 16 thereof, **the**

**legislative assembly shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article.** The authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article is reserved to initiative petition of the people under article III of this constitution. N.D. Const. art. XV, § 4. (Emphasis added.)

Despite this straightforward constitutional limitation imposed by the people upon their servants, state legislators soon began plotting, and ultimately acting, to twist themselves out of their restraints. 2025 Senate Concurrent Resolution 4008 was “a concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly [and] to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota [...]” *See* (E5, *SCR 4008 Enrolled*).

[¶21] The legislative history of SCR 4008 is replete with “legislators acknowledging that the proposal appears unconstitutional.” Jeff Beach, “Changing Term Limits Targeted in North Dakota Senate Resolution” *North Dakota Monitor* (Feb. 24, 2025).<sup>2</sup> “Bill Sponsor Michael Dwyer, R-Bismarck, said it would likely take a court ruling for the resolution to advance.” *Id.* Senate State and Local Government Committee Chair Kristin Roers suggested the purpose of SCR 4008 was simply as “a way to get the issue into the courts.” *Id.* Unmindful of their sworn oath to support the Constitution of North Dakota,<sup>3</sup> these

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<sup>2</sup> (available at <https://northdakotamonitor.com/2025/02/24/changing-term-limits-targeted-in-north-dakota-senate-resolution/>) (last accessed January 12, 2026).

<sup>3</sup> *See* N.D. Const. art. III, § 8, and XI, § 4.

legislators not only anticipate, but apparently invite this litigation, in the (fruitless) hope that this Court will be similarly neglectful of the Constitution.

[¶22] Notwithstanding its clear, and readily acknowledged, constitutional infirmities, SCR 4008 passed the Senate on March 17, 2025, by a vote of 24-23, (E6, *Senate Journal, March 17, 2025*) and the House on April 2, 2025, by a vote of 53-39. (E7, *House Journal, April 2, 2025*). It was then signed by the Speaker of the House on April 7, and the Senate President on April 8, and filed with the Secretary of State later that day. (E8, *Senate Journal, April 8, 2025*). The Secretary of State has acknowledged receipt of SCR 4008 and indicated that it will be placed on the 2026 General Election Ballot in November 2026.<sup>4</sup>

[¶23] Even assuming *arguendo* that Article XV permits the Legislative Assembly to propose its undoing, neither chamber’s vote margin remotely approaches the two-thirds requirement in Article III, Section 8 that would be necessary to repeal or amend, within seven years of its effective date, a measure approved by the electors. *See* Law and Argument, Part II, *infra*.

#### **STANDARD OF REVIEW**

[¶24] “Whether legislation is unconstitutional is a question of law that is fully reviewable by this Court.” *Bd. of Trs. v. N.D. Legislative Assembly*, 2023 ND 185, ¶ 11, 996 N.W.2d 873, 880 (*citing Teigen v. State*, 2008 ND 88, ¶ 7, 749 N.W.2d 505). This Court “interpret[s] legislative enactments and constitutional provisions according to the same

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<sup>4</sup> North Dakota Secretary of State, Measures on Ballot. (*available at <https://www.sos.nd.gov/elections/voter/ballot-measures/measures-ballot>*) (last accessed January 4, 2026).

principles of statutory construction.” *Id.* (citing *Sorum v. State*, 2020 ND 175, ¶ 19, 947).

This Court:

aims to give effect to the intent and purpose of the people who adopted the constitutional provision. [*State ex rel. Heitkamp v. Hagerty*, 1998 ND 122, ¶ 13, 580 N.W.2d 139 (quoting *Comm’n on Med. Competency v. Racek*, 527 N.W.2d 262, 266 (N.D. 1995)]. We determine the intent and purpose of a constitutional provision, ‘if possible, from the language itself.’ *Kelsh v. Jaeger*, 2002 ND 53, ¶ 7, 641 N.W.2d 100. ‘In interpreting clauses in a constitution we must presume that words have been employed in their natural and ordinary meaning.’ *Cardiff v. Bismarck Pub. Sch. Dist.*, 263 N.W.2d 105, 107 (N.D. 1978).

‘A constitution ‘must be construed in the light of contemporaneous history—of conditions existing at and prior to its adoption. By no other mode of construction can the intent of its framers be determined and their purpose given force and effect.’ *Hagerty*, 1998 ND 122, ¶ 17, 580 N.W.2d 139 (quoting *Ex parte Corliss*, 16 N.D. 470, 481, 114 N.W. 962, 967 (1907)). Ultimately, our duty is to ‘reconcile statutes with the constitution when that can be done without doing violence to the language of either.’ *State ex rel. Rausch v. Amerada Petroleum Corp.*, 78 N.D. 247, 256, 49 N.W.2d 14, 20 (1951).

*Sorum v. State*, 2020 ND 175, ¶¶ 19-20, 947 N.W.2d 382, 390.

## **LAW AND ARGUMENT**

### **I. SCR 4008 Exceeded the Legislative Assembly’s Authority as Limited by Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution of North Dakota.**

[¶25] The Constitution of North Dakota provides two methods for its amendment. Although these methods are contained in separate articles of the Constitution, they mirror each other in several respects.

[¶26] Article III, Section 1, as the first of the specific “Powers Reserved to the People,” provides the people the initiative authority to directly propose and adopt amendments. Alternatively, Article IV, Section 16, generally provides the Legislative Assembly the direct authority to propose amendments, while leaving enactments to a popular vote of the people.

[¶27] Although the people of North Dakota hold the sole authority to approve amendments to the Constitution, both the legislature (in Article IV, Section 16) and the people (in Article III, Section 1) each hold a separate authority to propose amendments. Both amendment methods involve two basic steps: proposal, and submission to the electors. The second step cannot occur unless the first is completed successfully.

[¶28] Article XV reserves to the people the sole right to propose any future alteration or repeal of Article XV's political-branch term limits. Article XV, Section 4 removes the authority of the Legislative Assembly "to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article", reserving that same authority only "to the initiative petition of the people."

[¶29] This is no accident or oversight. Section 4 concertedly addresses both amendment-proposal methods before reserving to the people the power to alter or repeal term limits:

Notwithstanding the legislative assembly's authority to propose amendments to this constitution under article IV, section 16 thereof, the legislative assembly shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article. The authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article is reserved to initiative petition of the people under article III of this constitution.

In Article XV, Section 4, with forethought to state legislators' likely perspective on the limitation of their terms, the people thus "reserved to themselves this check on the legislative process" by directly and solely controlling any effort to alter or repeal term limits for the political branches of government as established in Article XV. *Cf. Thompson v. Jaeger*, 2010 ND 174, ¶ 1, 788 N.W.2d 586, 588 ("The right to initiate and refer laws is part of the fabric of our liberty as North Dakotans. The people of North Dakota – through the state constitution – have reserved to themselves this check on the legislative process.").

[¶30] Notwithstanding that clear check on the power of the Legislative Assembly to alter or repeal their own term limits, that is exactly what the Legislative Assembly has attempted with SCR 4008. SCR 4008’s stated purpose was to “amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly [and] to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota [...]” *See* (E5). This action to propose an initiative without constitutional authority renders the initiative void *ab initio*.

[¶31] Here, the Court’s analysis may be straightforward given that Article XV’s language is both direct and recently enacted. Section 4, states that “notwithstanding the legislative assembly’s authority to propose amendments to this constitution under article IV, section 16 thereof, the legislative assembly shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article.” N.D. Const. Art. XV, § 4. The “natural and ordinary meaning” of those words could not be more clear. *Cardiff*, 263 N.W.2d at 107.

[¶32] It is impossible to reconcile SCR 4008 with the constitutional restrictions contained in Article XV, Section 4 “without doing violence to the language of either.” *State ex rel. Rausch*, 49 N.W.2d at 20. On that basis, SCR 4008 and the putative referendum flowing from it are unconstitutional as exceeding the Legislative Assembly’s authority.

**II. SCR 4008 Also Violates Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of North Dakota.**

[¶33] The people’s doubt of their politicians’ respect for constitutional provisions initiated by the people, as demonstrated by the people’s initiation and approval of Article XV, Section 4, was prescient, but not unprecedented. Electors’ approval of Article XV’s

language in 2022 was not the first time the Constitution of North Dakota has evinced a concern for legislative disregard of the law as made by the people. The anti-tampering provisions in Article III, Section 8, states:

A measure approved by the electors may not be repealed or amended by the legislative assembly for seven years from its effective date, except by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house. N.D. Const. Art. III § 8.

[¶34] North Dakota has had a version of this anti-tampering provision in its Constitution for over a century. In 1918, Article II, Section 25 was added to the Constitution, which as a part of reserving the right of proposing initiatives to the people, provided that “[n]o measure enacted or approved by a vote of the electors shall be repealed or amended by the legislature, except upon a yea and nay vote upon roll call of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house.” N.D. Const. Art II, § 25 (eff. Dec. 5, 1918).

[¶35] This Court has dutifully acknowledged that, “with reference to initiated measures, th[e] power of the legislature is limited partially. Such initiated measure may not be repealed or amended ‘except upon a yea and nay vote upon roll call of two thirds of all the members elected to each house.’” *State ex rel. Strutz v. Baker*, 71 N.D. 153, 157, 299 N.W. 574, 576 (N.D. 1941) (*quoting* N.D. Const. art II, § 25).

[¶36] In *Strutz*, this Court considered legislation which amended certain powers granted to the State Auditor via an initiated measure. With the amended legislation not having been adopted by a two-thirds majority, this Court concluded that the amendment “was not adopted constitutionally, and, therefore, is not a law of the state.” *Id.* at 580; *see also* *Boutrous v. Thoresen*, 54 N.D. 289, 293-94, 209 N.W. 558, 560 (N.D. 1926) (where law amending initiated measure “was merely passed by a majority and was not passed upon a roll call of two thirds of all members elected to each house [...] Consequently [...] [the amendment] was not and could not be either amended or repealed.”); *State ex rel. Truax v.*

*Smart*, 48 N.D. 326, 329, 184 N.W. 623, 624 (N.D. 1921) (where Legislative Assembly attempted to amend initiated measure by less than two-thirds vote in House of Representatives, “there being no amendment or repeal of this law, enacted by the Legislature by the requisite two-thirds vote, it remains in full force and effect.”).

[¶37] The current anti-tampering “language of N.D. Constitution Article III, Section 8, was drafted by delegates at the 1972 Constitutional Convention as part of the Convention’s revision of the Constitution’s initiative and referendum provisions.” N.D. Atty. Gen. Op. 1987-05 (citing *Haugland v. Meier*, 339 N.W. 2d. 100, 107 (N.D. 1983)). “The 1972 initiative and referendum constitutional provisions were proposed again by the Legislature in 1977 and became part of the Constitution when the Legislature’s proposal was approved by the voters in 1978.” *Id.*

[¶38] This current anti-tampering provision left the prior version largely unchanged—requiring a two-thirds vote of the members of both houses to repeal or amend “[a] measure approved by the electors”—adding only the temporal limitation of applying for “seven years from . . . [the] effective date” of the voter-approved measure. N.D. Const. Art. III, § 8. Therefore, by the plain language of this Section 8, no part of Article XV may be repealed or amended, except by “a two-thirds vote of the members of both houses,” until January 1, 2030. *See id*; N.D. Const. Art. XV, § 5.

[¶39] In the present instance, neither chamber of the Legislative Assembly adopted SCR 4008 by a two-thirds majority. *See* (E 6 & 7). Therefore, it is a legal nullity. *See also State ex rel. Spaeth v. Meiers*, 403 N.W.2d 392, 393 (N.D. 1987) (discussing situation where President Pro Tempore refused to accept House bill “on the ground that the bill, which repeals an initiated measure, failed to pass the House by a two-thirds majority vote [.]”).

[¶40] Even if the Legislative Assembly could be deemed to have retained its power, notwithstanding Article XV, Section 4, to alter or repeal Article XV, the anti-tampering provision of Article III, Section 8, is checkmate. Here too, the Constitution deprives the Legislative Assembly of the power to undo the people’s authorship of their Constitution and assertion of their control of their government. Not until 2030 would the Legislative Assembly even arguably have any authority to repeal any section of Article XV unless they achieve a two-thirds majority of members elected, in each chamber, for such proposition. SCR 4008 failed to garner a two-thirds majority in *either* chamber.

### **III. Appropriate Remedy to Address Unconstitutional Adoption of SCR 4008.**

[¶41] As established above, SCR 4008 is unquestionably unconstitutional on multiple grounds. *See Bd. of Trs. v. N.D. Legislative Assembly*, 2023 ND 185, ¶ 90, 996 N.W.2d 873, 903 (“the Legislative Assembly has only the authority granted to it by the people of this state through its constitution.”). Therefore, “[i]t is the Court’s duty to uphold the clear requirements of the Constitution when they are violated, whether inadvertently or not.” *Id.* at ¶ 37, 996 N.W.2d at 889. Moreover, when “the Legislative Assembly legislated outside constitutional limits [...] We have repeatedly said in such circumstances the enactment is *void ab initio*.” *Id.* at ¶ 91, 996 N.W.2d 873 at 903 (*citing Hoff v. Berg*, 1999 ND 115, ¶ 19, 595 N.W.2d 285).

[¶42] Under these circumstances, “the remedy the judicial branch may grant is to declare that the ‘unconstitutional legislation is void and is to be treated as if it never were enacted.’” *Interest of J.B.*, 2021 ND 90, ¶ 4, 959 N.W.2d 869 (*citing Berg*, at ¶ 19); *see also Sorum v. State*, 2020 ND 175, ¶ 21, 947 N.W.2d 382 (same); *see Northwest Landowners Ass’n v. State*, 2022 ND 150, ¶ 12, 978 N.W.2d 679 (same); *State v. Anderson*, 2022 ND 144, ¶ 7, 977 N.W.2d 736 (same).

[¶43] Given that SCR 4008 is a nullity, Constitutional Measure 1 was not properly “proposed” and “agreed to” by the Legislative Assembly. N.D. Const. Art. IV, section 16. Lacking that requisite predicate act, it is therefore not legally permissible for Constitutional Measure 1 to “be submitted to the electors.” *Id.*

[¶44] Therefore, a writ is necessary and appropriate to enjoin the Secretary of State from placing Constitutional Measure 1 on the November 2026 General Election Ballot. Similar writs have been issued by this Court in regard to similarly constitutional infirm ballot initiatives. *See, e.g., Haugen v. Jaeger*, 2020 ND 177, ¶ 11, 948 N.W.2d 1, 4 (granting writ of injunction enjoining Secretary of State from placing measure violating N.D. Const. Art. III, § 2 on the ballot).

[¶45] This Court’s decision in *State ex rel. Askew v. Meier*, is instructive here. *See* 231 N.W.2d 821 (N.D. 1975). In *Askew*, following the state legislature’s ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, petitioners sought to place a referendum on the ballot as either a binding or non-binding review of that ratification. Given that federal constitutional amendments have a specific ratification process prescribed by the U.S. Constitution, this Court held that, since “resolutions ratifying amendments to the United States Constitution are not subject to referenda by the people of the various States [...] an attempt to reverse the legislative ratification through the referendum process, forbidden by Federal constitutional law, cannot be converted into a nonbinding plebiscite. The Secretary of State is therefore enjoined from placing [the referendum] on the ballot at any Statewide election.” *Id.* at 823, 825; *see also* Attorney General Opinion 75-50 (advising the Secretary of State as to an improperly constituted ballot measure in the *Walker v. Link* matter that “[i]t is therefore our opinion that since the vote on the measure

would be ineffective to accomplish any practical legal result, the referred measure should not, following the *Askew* decision, be placed on the ballot.”).

[¶46] Therefore, this Court should enjoin the Secretary of State from placing Constitutional Measure 1 on the 2026 General Election Ballot, or from counting the votes on, and from certifying the results of any vote by, the electors on 2026 Constitutional Measure 1.

**CONCLUSION AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

[¶47] WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, the Petitioners respectfully pray this Court accept jurisdiction; declare, following full briefing and argument, as unconstitutional both Senate Concurrent Resolution 4008 and the resulting 2026 Constitutional Measure 1; issue an appropriate writ enjoining the Secretary of State from placing Constitutional Measure 1 on the November 2026 General Election Ballot (or in the alternative, from counting any ballots cast on said measure, and from certifying the results of any vote by the electors on 2026 Constitutional Measure 1); award Petitioners their reasonable attorneys’ fees; and grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted January 20, 2026.

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

[¶48] Pursuant to Rule 32(e) of the North Dakota Rules of Appellate Procedure, this brief complies with the page limitation and consists of 22 pages.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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# **Petition Exhibit 1**

**Declaration of Petitioner Terence Bjerke**



I declare, under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, in the City of Manvel, Grand Forks County, North Dakota.

  
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Terence B. Bjerke

# **Petition Exhibit 2**

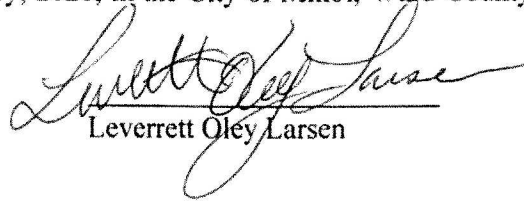
**Declaration of Petitioner Leverrett Oley Larsen**



4. I have reviewed and verified the Petition and assert the representations contained therein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 18 day of January, 2026, in the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota.

  
Leverrett Oley Larsen

# **Petition Exhibit 3**

**2022 Term Limits Initiative Petition**

INITIATIVE PETITION  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors request the following initiated law be placed on the ballot as provided by law.

**SPONSORING COMMITTEE**

The following are the names and addresses of the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota who, as the sponsoring committee for the petitioners, represent and act for the petitioners in accordance with law:

Jared Hendrix, Chairperson 5750 16th Ave SW Minot ND 58701	Rick Becker 6140 Ponderosa Ave Bismarck ND 58503	Michael D Blessum 1607 13 1/2 St SW Minot ND 58701	Chelsea Carr 3602 7th St West Apt 2005 Williston ND 58801
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Jay Lundeen 4301 13th St NE Minot ND 58703	Jeffery J Magrum 751 66th St SE Hazelton ND 58544	Joe Miller 13591 Highway 17 Park River ND 58270	Cassandra Schmidt 109 Oxbow Drive Oxbow ND 58047
Loretta A Smith 2514 Willow Rd N Fargo ND 58102	Wyatt Smith 2105 13th St NW Minot ND 58703	Neil Toman 218 W Ave D Bismarck ND 58501	Nathan Toman 203 4th Ave NW Mandan ND 58554
Bret Weiland 4700 N 19th St #212 Bismarck ND 58503	Lianne Zeltinger 422 17th St NW Minot ND 58703	Tana Walker 1790 26th ST NE Anamoose ND 58710	Terence B Bjerke 1594 Philippi Rd Manvel ND 58256
Leon Francis 1131 Oak St N Fargo ND 58102	Josiah L Geiger 4926 162nd Ave NE Baldwin ND 58521	Jubilee Geiger 4926 162nd Ave NE Baldwin ND 58521	Susan B Hale 5750 16 Ave SW Minot ND 58701
Daniel Johnston 5807 Valley Rd Kathryn ND 58049	Kolette Kramer 6135 Center Ave N Towner ND 58788	William Kuntz 5361 19th Ave NE Towner ND 58788	Susanna Oliver 3227 15th Ave S (B) Fargo ND 58103
Tory M Otto 3021 Bayshore Bend SE Mandan ND 58554	Brandon Prichard 917 Mustang Drive Bismarck ND 58503	Jessica Sandberg 110 N Benson St Toga ND 58852	Karen Slaamot 1377 Elm Avenue Harvey ND 58341

*Approved by*

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Andrew Kordonowy  
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Dickinson ND 58601

## PETITION TITLE

This initiated measure would add a new article to the North Dakota Constitution. It would stipulate that an individual could not serve as a legislator for a cumulative period in excess of eight years in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, separately. It would prohibit an individual from being elected as Governor more than twice. Service as a member of the legislature or election to the office of governor prior to the effective date of this measure would not count against any service or election, respectively, of any individual that occurs after the effective date of this measure. An individual would not be allowed to serve a full or remaining term as a member of the legislature if serving the term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of more than eight years in that particular house. Any amendment to this article could not be proposed by the legislature, but only by citizen initiative. The article would become effective on January 1 immediately following approval of the voters. In case of conflict with any other provision of the constitution, the measure states that the provisions of this article would prevail.

### FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE MATERIAL IS BEING DELETED. IF MATERIAL IS NOT UNDERSCORED OR OVERSTRUCK, THE MATERIAL IS EXISTING LAW THAT IS NOT BEING CHANGED.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** A new article of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is created and enacted as follows:

SECTION 1. TERM LIMITS FOR LEGISLATORS. An individual shall not serve as a member of the house of representatives for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight (8) years. An individual shall not serve as a member of the senate for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight (8) years. An individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term as member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight (8) years in that respective house.

SECTION 2. TERM LIMITS FOR GOVERNOR. An individual shall not be elected to the office of governor more than twice. This provision shall not prevent the lieutenant governor from succeeding to the office of governor, nor prevent the secretary of state from acting as governor.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION OF TERM LIMITS. The limitations established by this article shall have prospective effect only, and service as a member of the house of representatives, service as a member of the senate, and prior election to the office of governor shall not be counted against any service or election, respectively, of any individual that occurs after the effective date of this amendment. Service by the lieutenant governor in his capacity as president of the senate shall not count toward the cumulative amount of time an individual may serve as a member of the senate.

SECTION 4. THE PEOPLE'S TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT. Notwithstanding the legislative assembly's authority to propose amendments to this constitution under article IV, section 16 thereof, the legislative assembly shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article. The authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article is reserved to initiative petition of the people under article III of this constitution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on the first day of January immediately following approval by voters.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this article are severable, and if any provision is held to be invalid, either on its face or as applied, the remaining provisions and their application shall not be affected thereby. In any case of a conflict between any provision of this article and any other provision of this constitution, the provisions of this article shall control.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNERS**

You are being asked to sign a petition. You must be a qualified elector. This means you are eighteen years old, you have lived in North Dakota thirty days, and you are a United States citizen. All signers shall also legibly print their name, complete residential address or rural route or general delivery address, and the date of signing on the petition. Every qualified elector signing a petition must do so in the presence of the individual circulating the petition.

**QUALIFIED ELECTORS**

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**State of North Dakota**

**County of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(county where signed)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, say that I am a qualified elector; that I reside at  
(circulator) \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

that each signature contained on the attached petition was executed in my presence; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief each individual whose signature appears on the attached petition is a qualified elector; and that each signature contained on the attached petition is the genuine signature of the individual whose name it purports to be.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of circulator)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, North Dakota  
(city)

(Notary Stamping Device)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of notarial officer)

# **Petition Exhibit 4**

**S.L. 2023, ch. 594, Initiated Measures Approved**

# INITIATED MEASURES APPROVED

## CHAPTER 594

### TERM LIMITS

This initiated measure would add a new article to the North Dakota Constitution. It would stipulate that an individual could not serve as a legislator for a cumulative period in excess of eight years in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, separately. It would prohibit an individual from being elected as Governor more than twice. Service as a member of the legislature or election to the office of governor prior to the effective date of this measure would not count against any service or election, respectively, of any individual that occurs after the effective date of this measure. An individual would not be allowed to serve a full or remaining term as a member of the legislature if serving the term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of more than eight years in that particular house. Any amendment to this article could not be proposed by the legislature, but only by citizen initiative. The article would become effective on January 1 immediately following approval of the voters. In case of conflict with any other provision of the constitution, the measure states that the provisions of this article would prevail.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** A new article of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is created and enacted as follows:

**Section 1. Term limits for legislators.** An individual shall not serve as a member of the house of representatives for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight (8) years. An individual shall not serve as a member of the senate for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight (8) years. An individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term as member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight (8) years in that respective house.

**Section 2. Term limit for Governor.** An individual shall not be elected to the office of governor more than twice. This provision shall not prevent the

lieutenant governor from succeeding to the office of governor, nor prevent the secretary of state from acting as governor.

**Section 3. Application of term limits.** The limitations established by this article shall have prospective effect only, and service as a member of the house of representatives, service as a member of the senate, and prior election to the office of governor shall not be counted against any service or election, respectively, of any individual that occurs after the effective date of this amendment. Service by the lieutenant governor in his capacity as president of the senate shall not count toward the cumulative amount of time an individual may serve as a member of the senate.

**Section 4. The people's term limits amendment.** Notwithstanding the legislative assembly's authority to propose amendments to this constitution under article IV,

section 16 thereof, the legislative assembly shall not have authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article. The authority to propose an amendment to this constitution to alter or repeal the term limitations established in section 1 of this article is reserved to initiative petition of the people under article III of this constitution.

**Section 5. Effective date.** This amendment shall be effective on the first day of January immediately following approval by voters.

**Section 6. Severability.** The provisions of this article are severable, and if any provision is held to be invalid, either on its face or as applied, the remaining provisions and their application shall not be affected thereby. In any case of a conflict between any provision of this article and any other provision of this constitution, the provisions of this article shall control.

Approved November 8, 2022

150,363 to 86,674

NOTE: This was measure No. 1 on the general election ballot.

# **Petition Exhibit 5**

**SCR 4008, Enrolled**

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4008  
(Senator Dwyer)

A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly; to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, and to provide for an application.

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This measure provides an individual may not serve more than four complete terms in the legislative assembly. The measure also repeals the provision prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing constitutional amendments relating to term limits.

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

That the following proposed amendment to section 1 of article XV and repeal of section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in November of 2026, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is amended and reenacted as follows:

**Section 1.** ~~An individual shall~~may not serve more than four complete four-year terms as a member of the house of representatives for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. ~~An individual shall not serve as a member of the senate for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years~~legislative assembly. ~~An individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term~~individual's service as a member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining legislative assembly during a term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years in that respective house~~that is less than four years does not count toward the term limit for a member of the house of representatives or the senate under this section.~~

**SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is repealed.

**SECTION 3. APPLICATION.** If approved by the electors, this measure will apply to individuals elected to the legislative assembly after January 1, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State

# **Petition Exhibit 6**

**Senate Journal, March 17, 2025**

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

## Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, March 17, 2025

The Senate convened at 1:00 p.m., with President Strinden presiding.

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

The roll was called and all members were present.

A quorum was declared by the President.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

**SEN. ROERS** rose on a point of personal privilege.

**REMARKS OF SENATOR ROERS**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** This past Saturday, March 15th, 2025, West Fargo Horace High School secured its first Class 2A State Championship in Girl's Basketball on the Fargo Dome floor. The Hawks were led by Jaiden Haile, who was named North Dakota High School Coaches Association Senior Athlete of the Year and also tournament MVP. They were coached by North Dakota High School Coaches Association Coach of the year, Brent Hintz.

Horace led 28-24 at halftime and was able to extend the lead, over a very talented Bismarck Century team, to the eventual final score of 68-53. The Hawks finished with an overall record of 26-1, a 24-game win streak and accumulated 21 wins by 10 or more points, a truly dominant season.

Congratulations to West Fargo Horace High School on their first state championship and the fact that it coincided with the first Senior Class in the young school's history, is even more impressive.

**REQUEST**

**SEN. KLEIN REQUESTED** that the remarks of Sen. Roers be printed in the Journal, which request was granted.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG****February 6, 2025**

Pursuant to North Dakota Constitution Article VIII, Section 6(2)(c), Levi Bachmeier was appointed to the State Board of Education.

**Appointment to the State Board of Education:**

Levi Bachmeier (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)

North Dakota Constitution Article VIII 6(2)(c) requires that an appointee be confirmed by the Senate. I respectfully request the Senate make the confirmation during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your consideration.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG****February 6, 2025**

Pursuant to North Dakota Constitution Article VIII, Section 6(2)(c), Patrick Sogard was appointed to the State Board of Education.

**Appointment to the State Board of Education:**

Patrick Sogard (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029)

North Dakota Constitution Article VIII 6(2)(c) requires that an appointee be confirmed by the Senate. I respectfully request the Senate make the confirmation during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your **Select Committee (Sen. Hogue, Chairman)** respectfully submits the following names for your **Select Committee** to approve the nominee Levi Bachmeier to the State Board of Higher Education: Senators Schaible, Lee, Clemens, Lemm, and Mathern.

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your **Select Committee (Sen. Hogue, Chairman)** respectfully submits the following names for your **Select Committee** to approve the nominee Patrick Sogard to the State Board of Higher Education: Senators Sickler, Bekkedahl, Beard, Barta, and Marcellais.

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### MOTION

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that SCR 4027 be placed at the bottom of the Sixth order, which motion prevailed.

#### MOTION

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that after action taken on the Sixth order, SCR 4008, SCR 4028, and SCR 4027 be placed on the Eleventh order for immediate second reading and final passage, which motion prevailed.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1447, as engrossed: SEN. BARTA (Industry and Business Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.1011.02001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1088, as engrossed: SEN. BARTA (Industry and Business Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.8131.02001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### THE SENATE RECOGNIZED THE PRESENCE OF:

Former Senator Judy Estenson

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1316, as engrossed: SEN. HOGAN (Transportation Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0681.02001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1241: SEN. KLEIN (Transportation Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0586.01001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1257, as engrossed: SEN. LEE (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0775.02004) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO NOT PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1167, as engrossed: SEN. CASTANEDA (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0529.03001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1140: SEN. RUMMEL (Transportation Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0270.02001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**,

which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**HB 1170, as engrossed: SEN. BRAUNBERGER (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0035.03001) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**SCR 4008: SEN. ROERS (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.3066.01001) be adopted and then be placed on the Eleventh order with **DO PASS**.

#### REQUEST

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

The proposed amendments to SCR 4008 were adopted on a verification vote.

#### SECOND READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**SCR 4008:** A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly; to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, and to provide for an application.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the amended resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS. The roll was called and there were 24 YEAS, 23 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Conley; Dever; Dwyer; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Luick; Myrdal; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Thomas; Wanzek; Weber

**NAYS:** Boehm; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Cory; Davison; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Larson; Lemm; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Paulson; Powers; Sickler; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston; Wobbema

Engrossed SCR 4008 was declared adopted on a recorded roll call vote.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**SCR 4028: SEN. ROERS (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.3096.02002) 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**SCR 4028:** A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new article to the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for the governor, lieutenant governor, statewide elected officials, and members of the legislative assembly and prior years of service for members of the legislative assembly and statewide elected officers; to repeal sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to cumulative term limits for members of the legislative assembly and the office of governor, and legislative authority, and initiative petition processes; and to provide an effective date.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the amended resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS. The roll was called and there were 19 YEAS, 28 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Bekkedahl; Burckhard; Conley; Cory; Dever; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Klein; Lemm; Luick; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Sickler; Thomas; Walen; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Axtman; Barta; Beard; Boehm; Boschee; Braunberger; Castaneda; Cleary;

Clemens; Davison; Dwyer; Hogan; Kessel; Larson; Lee; Magrum; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Wanzek; Weber; Weston

Engrossed SCR 4028 was declared lost on a recorded roll call vote.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

**SCR 4027: SEN. BRAUNBERGER (State and Local Government Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.3104.01001) 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 4027:** A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 25 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to charitable gaming and limitations on the use of gaming proceeds.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the amended resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS. The roll was called and there were 45 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 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; 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:** Hogan; Larson

Engrossed SCR 4027 was declared adopted on a recorded roll call vote.

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#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1255:** 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 use of public funds to support public broadcasting.

#### 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 6 YEAS, 41 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Clemens; Davison; Dwyer; Larson; Magrum; Powers

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

HB 1255 failed.

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#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**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.

#### 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 47 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

HB 1564, as amended, passed.

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#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1183:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gold and silver investments; to provide a report; 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 13 YEAS, 34 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Boehm; Castaneda; Clemens; Enget; Gerhardt; Magrum; Marcellais; Paulson; Powers; Van Oosting; Walen; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Axtman; Barta; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Erbele; Hogan; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Thomas; Wanzek; Weber

Engrossed HB 1183 failed.

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#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1294:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of fees for a moving violation.

#### 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 45 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Enget; Magrum

Engrossed HB 1294 passed.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has failed to pass: SCR 4029.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1142, HB 1147, HB 1155, HB 1522.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HCR 3006, HCR 3009, HCR 3015, HCR 3016, HCR 3017, HCR 3019.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1139 (25.0099.02001).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause failed: HB 1497 (25.1192.04001).

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2123, SB 2167.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2098 (25.0282.03001), SB 2291 (25.1110.02002).

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2064 (25.8048.01001).

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has failed to pass, unchanged: SB 2285.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2242 and SB 2386.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2101, SB 2114, SB 2163, SB 2173, SB 2175, SB 2223, SB 2257, SB 2261, SB 2310, SB 2356.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4018.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1067, HB 1097, HB 1217, HB 1222, HB 1224, HB 1328, HB 1338.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HCR 3011, HCR 3014.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2032, SB 2042, SB 2047, SB 2078, SB 2091, SB 2100, SB 2126, SB 2229, SB 2275, SB 2332, SB 2358, SB 2367.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: SB 2032, SB 2042, SB 2047, SB 2071, SB 2072, SB 2073, SB 2075, SB 2078, SB 2091, SB 2100, SB 2119, SB 2121, SB 2126, SB 2130, SB 2144, SB 2150, SB 2152, SB 2161, SB 2211, SB 2227, SB 2229, SB 2275, SB 2332, SB 2358, SB 2367.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HB 1067, HB 1097, HB 1217, HB 1222, HB 1224, HB 1328, HB 1338.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HCR 3011, HCR 3014.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on March 17, 2025: SB 2032, SB 2042, SB 2047, SB 2071, SB 2072, SB 2073, SB 2075, SB 2078, SB 2091, SB 2100, SB 2119, SB 2121, SB 2126, SB 2130, SB 2144, SB 2150, SB 2152, SB 2161, SB 2211, SB

2227, SB 2229, SB 2275, SB 2332, SB 2358, SB 2367.

**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 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HB 1078 (25.8104.01000)**

**Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1078 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1143 (25.0709.03000)**

**Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1143 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
REENGROSSED HB 1176 (25.1003.04000)**

**Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Weber, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1176 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HB 1299 (25.0507.01000)**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1299 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HB 1300 (25.0382.02000)**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1300 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1344 (25.0867.02000)**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1344 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1591 (25.1256.03000)**

**Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1591 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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

**Shanda Morgan, Secretary**



# **Petition Exhibit 7**

**House Journal, April 2, 2025**

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Bismarck, April 2, 2025

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

The prayer was offered by Pastor Gretchen Deeg, United Church of Christ, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Bahl, Finley-DeVille, Heilman, Kempenich, and Mitskog.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that Enrolled SB 2261 be placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the succeeding day's calendar for the purpose of overriding the Governor's veto pursuant to Article V, Section 9, of the Constitution of North Dakota, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that SB 2159, as amended, which is on the Fourteenth order, be rereferred to the **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**, which motion prevailed. Pursuant to Rep. Bosch's motion, SB 2159, as amended, was rereferred.

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the Speaker appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee from the Senate as a Conference Committee on Engrossed SB 2133, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

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

**Engrossed SB 2133:** Reps. D. Johnston, Kasper, Hendrix

**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. D. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1140 (25.0270.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

HB 1140, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1140:** 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 the bridge on state highway 22 in Dickinson as the Specialist Jon P. Fettig Iraq bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 91 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle;

Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Engrossed HB 1140 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

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**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. D. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1241 (25.0586.01001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

HB 1241, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1241:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-10-03.1 and 39-21-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to class B authorized emergency vehicles and special restrictions on lamps on motor vehicles or equipment.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 91 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Engrossed HB 1241 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. D. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1316 (25.0681.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1316, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1316:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 39-06.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to temporary restricted licenses; and to provide a penalty.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson;

Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Hoverson

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1316 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. WARREY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1127 (25.8110.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1127, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1127:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 13-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the financial institution data security program; and to amend and reenact sections 6-01-04.1 and 6-01-04.2, subsection 7 of section 6-03-02, sections 13-04.1-01.1, 13-04.1-11.1, 13-05-07.1, 13-08-10, 13-08-11.1, and 13-09.1-14, subsection 3 of section 13-09.1-17, sections 13-09.1-38 and 13-10-05, subsection 1 of section 13-11-10, section 13-12-19, subsections 6, 21, and 22 of section 13-13-01, and sections 13-13-04 and 13-13-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the department of financial institutions, financial institutions, response to department requests, renewal of licenses, orders to cease and desist, issuance of licenses, revocation of licenses, and exemptions from licenses.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 89 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Henderson; Nehring

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1127 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. M. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1564 (25.1211.01001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

HB 1564, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**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.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 91 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Engrossed HB 1564 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. SCHAUER MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1167 (25.0529.03001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1167, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1167:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to artificial intelligence disclosure statements.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Hendrix; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1167 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. SCHAUER MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1170 (25.0035.03001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1170, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1170:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state employee annual leave; and to provide an effective date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 61 YEAS, 29 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Berg; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Ista; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Bolinske; Christianson; Dressler; Frelich; Hauck; Henderson; Holle; Hoverson; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Koppelman; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Morton; Nehring; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Steiner; Toman; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Hendrix; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1170 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. WARREY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1447 (25.1011.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1447, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1447:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 13-09.1-50, 13-09.1-51, 13-09.1-52, 13-09.1-53, and 13-09.1-54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to virtual-currency kiosks; and to amend and reenact section 13-09.1-44 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to virtual-currency kiosks.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 83 YEAS, 8 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Fegley; Henderson; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Koppelman; Morton; Nehring; Rohr

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1447 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. HEADLAND MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1278 (25.0742.06001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1278, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1278:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the management of moneys in the state treasury and a cash management board; to provide a report; and to provide an expiration date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Johnston, D.

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1278 passed.

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**CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. VIGESAA MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1024 (25.0741.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1024, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1024:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various state departments and institutions; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 75 YEAS, 16 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Ista; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Christianson; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Koppelman; Maki; Marschall; Morton; Rohr; Steiner; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1024 passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. M. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Reengrossed HB 1205 (25.0559.04004), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Reengrossed HB 1205, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1205:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-25.1-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abandonment of infants in newborn safety devices.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 91 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frellich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1205 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. LONGMUIR MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1204 (25.0254.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1204, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1204:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the publication of false information in political advertisements; and to provide a penalty.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 77 YEAS, 14 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, T.; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frellich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.;

Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Brown, C.; Christianson; Hauck; Henderson; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Maki; Olson, S.; Rios; Rohr; Tveit; VanWinkle

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1204 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. NATHE MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1001 (25.0145.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1001, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1001:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor; to provide an exemption; and to provide for a report.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 79 YEAS, 12 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Hendrix; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Brown, T.; Dockter; Heilman; Henderson; Holle; Koppelman; Marschall; Morton; Nehring; Osowski; VanWinkle; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1001 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. D. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1206 (25.0022.01001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

HB 1206, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1206:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-08-01.2 and 39-08-01.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the special punishment for causing injury or death while operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any other drugs or substances and to driving while under the influence of alcohol or any other drugs or substances while being accompanied by a minor; 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, the roll was called and there were 75 YEAS, 15 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT

## VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Brown, T.; Conmy; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Hendrix; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Christianson; Dressler; Hauck; Henderson; Hoverson; Maki; Meier; Nehring; Olson, S.; Rohr; Schatz; Steiner; VanWinkle; Vetter

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Davis; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Engrossed HB 1206 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. WARREY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1088 (25.8131.02001), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1088, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1088:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to penalties for violation of the insurance title; and to provide a penalty.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 76 YEAS, 13 NAYS, 5 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bosch; Brandenburg; Conmy; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Hendrix; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Bolinske; Brown, T.; Christianson; Dressler; Heilman; Henderson; Holle; Hoverson; Johnston, D.; Kasper; Morton; Ruby, D.; Schatz

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Brown, C.; Davis; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1088 passed.

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#### CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**REP. D. RUBY MOVED** that the House do concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1515 (25.0936.03004), which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Engrossed HB 1515, as amended, was placed on the Eleventh order of business.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**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.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 4 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Beltz; Berg; Bolinske; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dressler; Fegley; Fisher; Foss; Frelich; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Johnston, D.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Monson; Morton; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nehring; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Osowski; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Swiontek; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Wolff

**NAYS:** Heilman; Rios

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Brown, C.; Finley-DeVille; Kempenich

Reengrossed HB 1515 passed.

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#### MOTION

**REP. BRANDENBURG MOVED** that the House reconsider its action whereby Engrossed SCR 4008 failed to pass for want of a Constitutional majority, which motion prevailed on a verification vote.

#### SECOND READING OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**SCR 4008:** A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly; to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, and to provide for an application.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final adoption of the resolution, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO NOT PASS. The roll was called and there were 53 YEAS, 39 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Berg; Bosch; Brandenburg; Brown, C.; Dockter; Fegley; Fisher; Grindberg; Grueneich; Hager; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; McLeod; Mitskog; Monson; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Swiontek; Tveit; Vigesaa; Vollmer; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Beltz; Bolinske; Brown, T.; Christianson; Conmy; Davis; Dobervich; Dressler; Foss; Frelich; Hager; Hanson; Heilman; Henderson; Hendrix; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnston, D.; Koppelman; Maki; Marschall; Martinson; Meier; Morton; Motschenbacher; Nehring; Olson, S.; Osowski; Rios; Rohr; Schatz; Schneider; Steiner; Toman; VanWinkle; Vetter; Wolff

**ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING:** Bahl; Finley-DeVille

Engrossed SCR 4008 was declared adopted on a recorded roll call vote.

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#### REQUEST

**REP. DOCKTER REQUESTED** that the record reflect he intended to vote "Yea" on HB 1001,

which request was granted.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2273.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2017 (25.0184.02001), SB 2113 (25.8094.05001), SB 2117 (25.8067.02001), SB 2120 (25.0120.01001), SB 2147 (25.0229.06003), SB 2155 (25.0379.03001), SB 2180 (25.0269.02002), SB 2269 (25.1278.02002), SB 2334 (25.1274.02003).

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2214 (25.0555.01001).

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1073, HB 1106, HB 1233, HB 1260, HB 1561.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1004 (25.0148.02001), HB 1025 (25.0429.04001), HB 1095 (25.0423.04001), HB 1166 (25.0400.04004), HB 1197 (25.0627.03001), HB 1354 (25.1077.01002), HB 1361 (25.0961.01001), HB 1386 (25.1064.03001), HB 1454 (25.0975.02003), HB 1549 (25.1314.03001), HB 1562 (25.1193.02001), HB 1592 (25.1292.02003).

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1511 (25.0963.03003).

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1558 (25.0072.05002).

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1428, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**HB 1428:** Reps. Hagert; Toman; Steiner

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2070, SB 2262, SB 2294, SB 2297, and SCR 4017, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

**SB 2070:** Sens. Roers; Van Oosting; Hogan  
**SB 2262:** Sens. Schaible; Lemm; Axtman  
**SB 2294:** Sens. Roers; Weston; Clemens  
**SB 2297:** Sens. Clemens; Roers; Van Oosting  
**SCR 4017:** Sens. Myrdal; Castaneda; Braunberger

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**SB 2129:** Reps. Hauck; Nehring; Tveit  
**SB 2133:** Reps. D. Johnston; Kasper; Hendrix  
**SB 2282:** Reps. Dockter; Foss; D. Anderson  
**SB 2291:** Reps. Holle; Dobervich; Kiefert

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1098, HB 1422.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2138, SB 2296.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HB 1098, HB 1125, HB 1367, HB 1398, HB 1422, HB 1545.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2336, SB 2348, SB 2395.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SCR 4002, SCR 4012.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: SB 2336, SB 2348, SB 2395.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: SCR 4002, SCR 4012.

#### **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 Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 3, 2025, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SB 2016 (25.0183.02000)**

**Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2016 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SB 2024**

**Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0191.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (22 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2024 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SB 2186**

**Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0805.03003)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2186 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SB 2239**

**Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0612.03001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (9 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2239 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SB 2241**

**Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0799.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2241 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
REENGROSSED SB 2305 (25.0909.04000)**

**Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed SB 2305 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
SB 2341 (25.0984.01000)**

**Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (9 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2341 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
REENGROSSED SB 2354**

**Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.1182.04002)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed SB 2354 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2374**

**Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Warrey, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.1236.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2374 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**



# **Petition Exhibit 8**

**Senate Journal, April 8, 2025**

## JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

## Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly

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Bismarck, April 8, 2025

The Senate convened at 1:00 p.m., with President Strinden presiding.

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

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

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 Thirtieth and Fifty-first Days and recommends that it be corrected as follows and when so corrected, recommends that it be approved:

Page 534, line 30, after "Marcellais;" insert "Mathern;"

Page 534, remove line 32

Page 924, line 10, replace "has committee" with "is PLACED ON THE CALENDAR"

Page 924, line 11, replace "recommendation of DO PASS" with "WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION"

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

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that HB 1556, which is on the Sixth order, be laid over one legislative day, which motion prevailed.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS**

**HB 1003, as engrossed: SEN. SICKLER (Appropriations Committee) MOVED** that the amendments (25.0147.02005) be adopted and then be placed on the Fourteenth order with **DO PASS**, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1003:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general; to create and enact a new chapter to title 51 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an electronic smoking device directory, electronic smoking device manufacturing fee, and electronic smoking fund; to amend and reenact sections 31-01-16, 54-12-11, and 54-12-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to compensation and mileage and travel expenses for witnesses, the salary of the attorney general, and twenty-four seven sobriety program fees; 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 41 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Braunberger; Gerhardt; Hogan; Powers; Weston

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

Engrossed HB 1003, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1297:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibiting approval voting and ranked-choice voting in elections; and to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 11-09.1-05 and subsection 9 of section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to home rule powers in counties and cities.

### MOTION

**SEN. BRAUNBERGER MOVED** that HB 1297 be amended (25.0495.01002).

### REQUEST

**SEN. DAVISON REQUESTED** a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to HB 1297, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to HB 1297 failed 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 38 YEAS, 8 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Boschee; Braunberger; Cleary; Dever; Hogan; Rummel; Sickler; Wanzek

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

HB 1297 passed.

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### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1265:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 and a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state information technology research center, advanced technology review committee, compute credits grant program, and advanced technology grant fund.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and is PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION, the roll was called and there were 13 YEAS, 33 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Barta; Boschee; Braunberger; Castaneda; Gerhardt; Hogan; Kessel; Larson; Marcellais; Mathern; Patten; Roers; Sickler

**NAYS:** Axtman; Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Burckhard; Cleary; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Davison; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Hogue; Klein; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Meyer; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Rummel; Schaible; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

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

Reengrossed HB 1265 failed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1191:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of an office of entrepreneurship; and to provide for a legislative management report.

**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 18 YEAS, 28 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Davison; Dever; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Weber

**NAYS:** Beard; Bekkedahl; Boehm; Castaneda; Clemens; Conley; Cory; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogan; Larson; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Marcellais; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weston; Wobbema

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

Reengrossed HB 1191 failed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1026:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-24-07, 26.1-01-03, 26.1-21-01, 26.1-21-02, 26.1-21-04, 26.1-21-07, 26.1-21-09.1, 26.1-21-10, 26.1-21-11, 26.1-21-12, 26.1-21-14, 26.1-21-16, 26.1-21-18, 26.1-21-19, 26.1-21-21, 26.1-21-23, 61-06-08, and 61-16.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the administration of the state bonding fund from the insurance commissioner to the office of management and budget; to repeal sections 26.1-21-03, 26.1-21-08, 26.1-21-09, 26.1-21-13, 26.1-21-15, 26.1-21-17, 26.1-21-20, 26.1-21-22, and 26.1-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the administration of the state bonding fund; 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 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; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Patten; Paulson; Powers; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Hogan; Magrum

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

HB 1026 passed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1223:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-19-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the suspension and expulsion of kindergarten through grade twelve students.

**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 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1

ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Magrum

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

Engrossed HB 1223 passed.

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### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**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.

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

**NAYS:** Powers

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

HB 1531, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1387:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school closures on election days if schools are used as polling places.

### 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 0 YEAS, 46 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

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

Engrossed HB 1387 failed.

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### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1219:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 23-21.1-03 of the

North Dakota Century Code, relating to the perpetual care fund.

**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 39 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Boehm; Enget; Gerhardt; Magrum; Myrdal; Paulson; Walen

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

HB 1219 passed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**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.

**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 45 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

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

**NAYS:** Roers

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

HB 1479 passed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1368:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the administrative rules committee to void an administrative rule.

**MOTION**

**SEN. WALEN MOVED** that Engrossed HB 1368 be amended (25.0688.03002).

**REQUEST**

**SEN. MYRDAL REQUESTED** a verification vote on the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1368, which request was granted.

The proposed amendments to Engrossed HB 1368 were adopted on a verification vote.

**HB 1368:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the administrative rules committee to void an administrative rule.

**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 22 YEAS, 24 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Cleary; Clemens; Cory; Dwyer; Enget; Gerhardt; Hogue; Lemm; Luick; Magrum; Meyer; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Van Oosting; Walen; Weber; Weston; Wobbema

**NAYS:** Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Conley; Davison; Dever; Erbele; Hogan; Kessel; Klein; Larson; Lee; Marcellais; Mathern; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Wanzek

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

Engrossed HB 1368, as amended, failed.

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#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**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 onsite child care; and to provide for a legislative management study.

#### 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 22 YEAS, 24 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Axtman; Barta; Bekkedahl; Boschee; Braunberger; Burckhard; Cleary; Conley; Davison; Hogan; Kessel; Klein; Lee; Lemm; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Patten; Roers; Rummel; Weber

**NAYS:** Beard; Boehm; Castaneda; Clemens; Cory; Dever; Dwyer; Enget; Erbele; Gerhardt; Hogue; Larson; Magrum; Myrdal; Paulson; Powers; Schaible; Sickler; Sorvaag; Van Oosting; Walen; Wanzek; Weston; Wobbema

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

Reengrossed HB 1510, as amended, failed.

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#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL

**HB 1254:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 54-24-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the state librarian.

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

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

Engrossed HB 1254 passed.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1032 (25.0279.03003), HB 1160 (25.0641.02004), HB 1169 (25.0410.02003), HB 1199 (25.0199.02002), HB 1209 (25.0393.03001), HB 1247 (25.0807.02001), HB 1469 (25.1079.03001), HB 1489 (25.0903.03003).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HCR 3018 (25.3080.02004).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1487 (25.1172.03001).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1259 (25.0767.02001), HB 1455 (25.0932.02001).

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HB 1555.

**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 3037.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2112 (25.8077.02002), SB 2354 (25.1182.04002).

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has concurred in the Senate amendments and subsequently passed: HB 1058, HB 1063, HB 1110, HB 1274, HB 1305, HB 1341, HB 1419, HB 1437, HB 1483, HB 1500, HB 1567, HB 1597, and HB 1615.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has concurred in the Senate amendments and subsequently failed to pass: HB 1231.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1218, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**HB 1218:** Reps. Hagert; Novak; Dockter

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2273.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: SCR 4008.

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

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: HB 1001, HB 1024, HB 1064, HB 1073, HB 1088, HB 1106, HB 1127, HB 1140, HB 1146, HB 1167, HB 1170, HB 1204, HB 1205, HB 1206, HB 1233, HB 1241, HB 1260, HB 1278, HB 1316, HB 1319, HB 1364, HB 1447, HB 1515, HB 1561, HB 1564.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR KELLY ARMSTRONG**

This is to inform you that on April 7, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2039, SB 2057, SB 2063, SB 2092, SB 2109, SB 2124, SB 2138, SB 2172, SB 2296, and SB 2335.

Also, on April 8, 2025, I have signed the following: SB 2176, SB 2379, and SB 2398.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bill was delivered to the Secretary of State for filing on April 8, 2025: SB 2261.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolution was delivered to the Secretary of State for filing on April 8, 2025: SCR 4008.

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the Senate be on the Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, Thirteenth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the Senate stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1016**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0160.02002)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1016 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED AND AMENDED HB 1225 (25.0996.03000)**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (9 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1225, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1226**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0890.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1226 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1263 (25.0892.02000)**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1263 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1363**

**Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.0316.03001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1363 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1410 (25.0619.04000)**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1410 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1468 (25.1081.03000)**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (14

YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1468 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED HB 1533**

**Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS (25.1296.02001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1533 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
REENGROSSED HB 1603 (25.1329.03000)**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1603 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HCR 3028 (25.3090.01000)**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3028 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2291**

Your conference committee (Sens. Paulson, Castaneda, Braunberger and Reps. Holle, Dobervich, Kiefert) recommends that in place of amendment 25.1110.02002 adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2291 is amended by amendment 25.1110.02004.

Engrossed SB 2291 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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

**Shanda Morgan, Secretary**



