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**Bismarck, February 23, 2017**

The Senate convened at 9:00 a.m., with President Sanford presiding.

The prayer was offered by Chaplain Merle Hoots, Baptist Health Care Center, Bismarck.

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

A quorum was declared by the President.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1104:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the governor's authority to call out the national guard.

**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, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson; Armstrong; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Campbell; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Davison

HB 1104 passed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1101:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 26.1-22-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to assessments and reporting of premiums and losses for the state fire and tornado 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 46 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson; Armstrong; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Campbell; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Davison

HB 1101 passed.

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**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL**

**HB 1105:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definitions of emergency vehicles.

**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, 0 EXCUSED, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson; Armstrong; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Campbell; Casper; Clemens; Cook; Dever; Dotzenrod; Erbele; Grabinger; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Kreun; Laffen; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Lee, J.; Luick; Marcellais; Mathern; Meyer; Myrdal; Nelson; Oban; Oehlke; Osland; Piepkorn; Poolman; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Sorvaag; Unruh; Vedaa; Wanzek; Wardner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Davison

Engrossed HB 1105 passed.

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**REMARKS OF SENATOR HECKAMAN**

**Mr. President:** Today is day 36 of our 80-day session and despite the fact that all of our days are the same length, some seem longer than others. We have completed a lot of good work this first half.

I want to thank all of you Senators for facing tough issues with careful consideration for the process and for the civil tone that prevails in this chamber. There have been contentious issues and we will see more, but that is what we are here working for. We have laid some pieces of legislation to rest-no doubt some will spring a new life and we will see them again the second half. And there are some pieces of legislation we will be discussing that we wish would have been laid to rest. But in the end, remember that we are all North Dakotans and what we do here should always be for the betterment of our constituents and state.

I have appreciated the opportunity to work with all of you and with the leadership of the majority party. Thank you to all of you for your efficient and professional work. Thanks to our outstanding staff, front desk, office, and chamber staff. You are always there for us and help facilitate our jobs.

Finally, Mr. President, thank you for your leadership. You have been a quick study in the process and we appreciate your calm demeanor when we have sometimes lost ours.

Let's all take this coming weekend to rejuvenate our minds so we can come back next week ready to tackle the work that remains. Safe travels everyone.

**REMARKS OF SENATOR WARDNER**

**Mr. President:** First of all, I want to say well done. We had a very good first part of this session and I appreciate all of you. This is a body of self-motivators, and I not only extend that to the Senators but also, to our staff. Every one of them from the committee clerks, committee interns, and our staff right here in the chamber. We really thank you for all you do. Without you we probably wouldn't get a lot done. You've done an excellent job.

Mr. President, we're doing the work of the people. I know sometimes people don't agree with the stand you or others have, but I want to remind all of you, this is the chamber where we debate things and everybody has a say. You have done an outstanding job of that. As the Minority Leader said, treating people with respect, and I want to say, in this body we do treat each other with respect. I really appreciate the work of the Minority party as we went through the first part. We worked together on several issues. As we go forward, there are going to be differences, but Mr. President, we're here for one reason, to do the work of the people in North Dakota. I think we have done a great job the first half.

I too want to echo what the Minority Leader said, we do appreciate your leadership here and your calm demeanor. You have done a great job. You have gotten through your probation period. You are now one of us.

With that, have a great crossover vacation.

**REMARKS OF SENATOR KLEIN**

**Mr. President:** Monday, January 16, 2017 was Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Monday, February 20, 2017 was George Washington's Birthday, both official state holidays. Both days are paid holidays for most state employees. Legislative Assembly employees were required to work on both of these days.

Additionally, employees of the Senate have worked many hours of uncompensated overtime. In recognition of the uncompensated overtime, full time legislative employees will be paid for Friday, February 24th, Monday, February 27th and Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 even though the Senate will be in recess on those days.

**MOTION**

**SEN. KLEIN MOVED** that the remarks of Sen. Heckaman, Sen. Wardner, and Sen. Klein be printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2044, SB 2166, SB 2314, SB 2342.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: SB 2004, SB 2024, SB 2344.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1051, HB 1086, HB 1087, HB 1088, HB 1089, HB 1092, HB 1093, HB 1094, HB 1095, HB 1099.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1101, HB 1104, HB 1105.

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

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1001, HB 1002, HB 1003, HB 1004, HB 1005, HB 1007, HB 1008, HB 1009, HB 1010, HB 1011, HB 1014, HB 1016, HB 1017, HB 1020, HB 1021, HB 1022, HB 1023, HB 1244, HB 1324.

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

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HCR 3019.

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

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1006, HB 1013, HB 1018, HB 1019.

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

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, the emergency clause carried, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1012.

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

**MR. PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, the emergency clause failed, and your favorable consideration is requested on: HB 1015.

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

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: HB 1109, HB 1112, HB 1117, HB 1118, HB 1125, HB 1127, HB 1131, HB 1132, HB 1135.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has signed: HB 1109, HB 1112, HB 1117, HB 1118, HB 1125, HB 1127, HB 1131, HB 1132, HB 1135.

**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., Wednesday, March 1, 2017, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1052: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1052 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1090, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Poolman, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1090 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 13, remove the overstrike over "~~by certified~~"

Page 1, line 14, remove the overstrike over "~~mail~~" and insert immediately thereafter "or"

Page 2, line 11, overstrike "or proposals"

Page 2, line 11, overstrike "a request for"

Page 2, line 16, replace "an award is made" with "a notice of intent to award is issued"

Page 2, line 16, after the period insert:

"c."

Page 4, line 14, after the underscored period insert "Records naming private businesses from which salary information is collected are open."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1096: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1096 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, after "compact" insert "; and to amend and reenact section 43-12.1-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks"

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-12.1-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**43-12.1-09.1. Nursing licensure or registration - Criminal history record checks.**

The board shall require each applicant for initial licensure and registration, including applicants for a multistate license under section 2 of this Act, to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The board may require any licensee or registrant who is renewing a license or registration, including renewal of a multistate license under section 2 of this Act, and any licensee or registrant who is the subject of a disciplinary investigation or proceeding to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant, licensee, or registrant. The board may grant a nonrenewable temporary permit to an applicant for initial or renewed license or registration who submits to a criminal history record check as required by this chapter if the applicant has met all other licensure or registration requirements in accordance with subsection 2 of section 43-12.1-09. The board may not share with, or disclose to, the interstate commission of nurse licensure compact administrators any contents of a nationwide criminal history record check."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1106, as engrossed: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Burckhard, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1106 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1108, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Poolman, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1108 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1110: Transportation Committee (Sen. Laffen, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1110 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 15, after the underscored period insert "If the department requires engineering or contracting services for a project under this section, it may provide the services or procure the services in accordance with section 24-02-07.3 and 24-02-17."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1111: Transportation Committee (Sen. Laffen, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1111 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1119, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1119 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1136, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1136 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 1001:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a legislative management report.  
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1002:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the secretary of state and public printing; and to provide an exemption.  
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1003:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general; to provide exemptions; and to provide a report to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.  
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1004:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state auditor.  
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1005:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state treasurer; and to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 57-62-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to coal severance tax allocations.  
Was read the first time and referred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**HB 1006:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the tax commissioner and for payment of state reimbursement under the homestead tax credit and disabled veterans' credit; to provide for a continuing appropriation; to provide for transfers; to create and enact a new section to

chapter 57-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a multistate tax audit fund; and to declare an emergency.

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

**HB 1007:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of labor and human rights.

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

**HB 1008:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service commission; to provide for a legislative management study; and to authorize transfers.

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

**HB 1009:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the agriculture commissioner; to provide for a transfer; and to amend and reenact sections 4.1-16-06 and 4.1-16-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to beekeeper license fees.

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

**HB 1010:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund; to provide a transfer; and to amend and reenact section 18-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payments to fire departments from the insurance tax distribution fund.

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

**HB 1011:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the securities department.

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

**HB 1012:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of human services; to authorize the department of human services to convey land in Walsh County; to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to Medicaid expansion; to repeal section 50-24.1-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Medicaid expansion program; to provide for exemptions; to provide statements of legislative intent; to provide a report to the legislative management; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide appropriations; to provide an expiration date; to provide a contingent effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

**HB 1013:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of public instruction, the state library, the school for the deaf, and the North Dakota vision services - school for the blind; to create and enact a new section to chapter 25-06 and a new section to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the school for the blind fund and the school for the deaf fund; to repeal section 6-09-45 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 13 of chapter 49 of the 2015 Session Laws, relating to a required transfer from the Bank of North Dakota and a contingent appropriation; to provide exemptions; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

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

**HB 1014:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the committee on protection and advocacy.

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

**HB 1015:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions under the supervision of the director of the office of management and budget; to provide for transfers; to amend and reenact section 54-06-04.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state agency publication fees; to provide an exemption; to provide statements of legislative intent; and to provide for a budget section report.

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

**HB 1016:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the adjutant general; to provide a transfer; and to provide exemptions.

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

**HB 1017:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the game and fish department.

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

**HB 1018:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state historical society; to provide an exemption; to provide for legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

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

**HB 1019:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and recreation department; to amend and reenact sections 55-08-06 and 55-08-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to permits for motor vehicles and parks and the recreation concession revolving fund; to provide a grant to the international peace garden; to authorize the transfer of Dakota institute inventory; to provide exemptions; and to declare an emergency.

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

**HB 1020:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to industrial use of fresh water dispensed for oil and gas industry users; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 57-51.1-07, section 61-02-02, subsection 1 of section 61-02-78, and sections 61-02-79 and 61-40-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the allocation of moneys in the oil extraction tax development fund, definitions, the infrastructure revolving loan fund, a Bank of North Dakota line of credit, and water rates of the western area water supply authority; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for a state engineer study; to provide for a report to the legislative management; to provide legislative intent; to designate funding; to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state water commission; and to provide exemptions.

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

**HB 1021:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and insurance.

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

**HB 1022:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the retirement and investment office; and to provide for a transfer.

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

**HB 1023:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system; to provide a continuing appropriation; to limit the use of health insurance program reserves; to provide for a transfer; to amend and reenact subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 12-60-24, paragraph 4 of subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 15-10-17, sections 21-10-01, 39-03.1-01, 39-03.1-04, 39-03.1-06, 39-03.1-07, 39-03.1-08.1, and 39-03.1-08.2, subsection 2 of section 39-03.1-09, sections 39-03.1-10.1, 39-03.1-10.2, 39-03.1-11, 39-03.1-11.2, 39-03.1-11.3, 39-03.1-14.1, 39-03.1-14.2, 39-03.1-25, 39-03.1-28, 39-03.1-29, 52-11-01, 54-35-02.3, 54-35-02.4, 54-52-01, 54-52-02.1, 54-52-02.6, 54-52-03, and 54-52-04, subsection 3 of section 54-52-05, and sections 54-52-06, 54-52-06.2, 54-52-06.3, 54-52-06.4, 54-52-10, 54-52-10.1, 54-52-11.1, 54-52-14, 54-52-14.2, 54-52-16, 54-52-17, 54-52-17.2, 54-52-17.3, 54-52-17.4, 54-52-17.6, 54-52-17.11, 54-52-17.13, 54-52-23, 54-52-26, 54-52-28, 54-52-29, 54-52.1-01, 54-52.1-02, 54-52.1-03, 54-52.1-03.1, 54-52.1-03.2, 54-52.1-03.3, 54-52.1-03.4, 54-52.1-04, 54-52.1-04.1, 54-52.1-04.2, 54-52.1-04.3, 54-52.1-04.4, 54-52.1-04.6, 54-52.1-04.7, 54-52.1-04.8, 54-52.1-04.9, 54-52.1-04.10, 54-52.1-04.11, 54-52.1-04.12, 54-52.1-04.13, 54-52.1-04.14, 54-52.1-05, 54-52.1-05.1, 54-52.1-06, 54-52.1-06.1, 54-52.1-08, 54-52.1-08.1, 54-52.1-08.2, 54-52.1-09, 54-52.1-11, 54-52.1-12, 54-52.1-13, 54-52.1-14, 54-52.1-15, 54-52.1-16, 54-52.1-17, 54-52.1-18, 54-52.2-01, 54-52.2-02, 54-52.2-03, 54-52.2-03.2, 54-52.2-03.3, 54-52.3-01, 54-52.3-02, 54-52.3-03, 54-52.3-05, 54-52.3-06, 54-52.6-01, 54-52.6-02, 54-52.6-03, 54-52.6-03.1, 54-52.6-04, 54-52.6-05, 54-52.6-06, 54-52.6-08, 54-52.6-09, 54-52.6-09.1, 54-52.6-11, 54-52.6-12, 54-52.6-13, 54-52.6-14,

54-52.6-15, 54-52.6-18, 54-52.6-19, 54-52.6-20, and 54-52.6-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the public employees retirement board, the public employees retirement system, and the membership of the employee benefits programs committee; and to provide legislative intent.

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

**HB 1244:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 11-11-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of boards of county commissioners to approve the exercise of the power of quick take eminent domain by water resource boards; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 61-16.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of water resource boards to exercise the power of quick take eminent domain.

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

**HB 1324:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-27-03.1 and 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of state aid payable to school districts.

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

#### **FIRST READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**HCR 3019:** A concurrent resolution directing the United States Department of the Interior to exercise nondiscrimination in public land management and return the land no longer required for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Project dam at Lake Sakakawea to the citizens of the United States.

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

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

**Shanda Morgan, Secretary**