

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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- MEMOS** These memorandums are available from the Legislative Council office: "[Concessions Bidding](#)" and "[State Aid Distribution Fund History](#)" (**Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations**); "[Indian Education and Contractual Options for State-Supported Educational Delivery](#)," "[School Approval and Accreditation](#)," and "[School Closings Due to Severe Weather and Other Emergencies](#)" (**Education**); "[Allocation of Wind Rights](#)," "[Development of Wind and Other Natural Resources in Same Location](#)," and "[Wind Easement and Wind Energy Lease Provisions](#)" (**Energy Development and Transmission**); "[Other Duties of the Long-Term Care Committee](#)," "[Study of Long-Term Care Services](#)," "[Study of the Impact of Individuals With Traumatic Brain Injury](#)," and "[Study of the Registration of Health Care Professionals](#)" (**Long-Term Care**); "[Homestead Property Tax Credit - Extension to All Residential Property - Programs in Other States](#)," "[Mineral Resource Impact and Taxation Issues](#)," and "[Property Tax Reform and Relief](#)" (**Taxation**); and "[Tribal and State Relations Committee](#)" (**Tribal and State Relations**).
- DEVELOPING STORY** Representative Jasper J. Schneider was named the North Dakota state director for the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. Rural Development manages federal programs designed to improve economic opportunity and quality of life for rural Americans.
- BE SEATED** District 31 Democrats selected Terryl L. (Mrs. Francis) Jacobs of Regent to finish Senator Aaron Krauter's term after his resignation in September to become the North Dakota director of the federal Farm Service Agency. The new senator holds the District 31 seat until December 2010 when the term expires.
- GOLDEN GIRL** Senator Karen K. Krebsbach was one of four Minot State University alumni to receive that organization's highest honor--the Golden Award. Since 1967 the awards have recognized outstanding service to Minot State University or its alumni association and distinguished leadership in career and community life.
- FIRE UP IN FARGO** Representative Scot Kelsh is Fargo's first fireman who is also a legislator. During a legislative session, he will be released from duty to tend to legislative business. Representative Kelsh's take on the similarities between being a fireman and a legislator: "You're there to make a bad situation better."
- DISTINGUISHED** Senator Tom Seymour received the 2009 Mayville State University Distinguished Alumni Award for his commitment to service to community and state. This November Senator Seymour is one of two Minot State University professors conducting a program entitled "Social Internet Tools for the Director and the Cooperative" at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the North Dakota Telephone Association in Minot.
- TO YOUR HEALTH** Senator Robert S. Erbele represents the Legislative Assembly on the search committee that will name a new director for the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- CHAMPIONS** Senators Robert M. Horne and Ryan M. Taylor received the Children's Champion Award from the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children in recognition of their work as advocates for legislation positively affecting children and their families.
- POWERED UP** At its 36<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in October, the Lignite Energy Council presented the Lignite Public Service Award to Senator Dwight Cook for his efforts during the 2009 legislative session in encouraging carbon dioxide capture technologies at North Dakota's lignite-based power plants.