

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1 (Wolf)

LAWS FOR COMMITTEE USE

A resolution providing copies of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 and the 1957 Session Laws for the use of the various committees of the House of Representatives.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives in its deliberations and in its various committee meetings often finds it necessary to refer to the code and for that reason a code should be available for such use:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

That the secretary of the state be authorized and directed to furnish twenty copies of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 and twenty copies of the 1957 Session Laws to be distributed in the house chambers and to the various committee rooms of the house of representatives, each volume to be stamped or labeled "Property of the state of North Dakota," and under the custody of the chief clerk of the House of Representatives and the various committee chairmen using the same, whose duty it shall be, at the close of the session, to deliver them to the Secretary of State to be kept by him for the use of succeeding sessions of the legislature, and that a copy of this resolution duly certified by the chief clerk of the house be delivered to the Secretary of State as his authority for furnishing same.

Filed March 6, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 2
(Fitch, Saugstad, Wolf, Streibel, Gress, Vinje)
(Dahlund, Sorlie, Doherty, Hilleboe)

JOINT LEGISLATIVE MEETING ON OIL AND GAS

A resolution inviting an appropriate committee of the Senate to hold a joint meeting with the House Committee on Industry and Business to consider matters relating to oil and gas.

WHEREAS, a number of matters affecting oil and gas regulation, production, markets, reserves and tax distribution may be considered by the Legislative Assembly during the current session; and

WHEREAS, any legislation upon such matters is of great interest and concern to the members of this Assembly, the people of the state, and the oil industry in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the House of Representatives that a joint meeting of the House Committee on Industry and Business and an appropriate committee of the Senate appears desirable in order that members may become more fully informed upon these subjects and that consideration of matters in this field may be expedited;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That an invitation is hereby extended to the Senate of this state to designate an appropriate committee to hold a joint meeting with the committee on Industry and Business of the House of Representatives for the purpose of considering matters affecting oil and gas regulation, production, markets, reserves and tax distribution, such meeting to be held at the time and place as may be set by the chairmen of the respective committees.

Filed March 6, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 3
(Scott, Magnuson and Dick)

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

A resolution to appoint an official photographer for the House of Representatives of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

WHEREAS, for historical purposes it has been the custom of all North Dakota legislative assemblies to have composite group pictures made of all members of such assemblies, and

WHEREAS, LaLonde Photography of Bismarck, North Dakota, offers to make a large composite group picture of the members of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly, size forty-nine by thirty-eight inches, composite framed and ready to hang, and one hundred seventeen, eleven by fourteen inches, copies of said picture for each member and desk force of the House, and one five by seven inch print of each representative for the state historical society, at a total cost of nine hundred twenty-five dollars and fifty cents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that LaLonde Photography, Bismarck, North Dakota, be and is hereby appointed official photographer for the North Dakota House of Representatives of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

Be It Further Resolved, that LaLonde Photography of Bismarck, North Dakota, be and is hereby awarded the sole privilege of photographing members of the House of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly at a total cost of nine hundred twenty-five dollars and fifty cents, to be taken out of legislative expenses.

Filed March 6, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 4

(Hilleboe, Brown, Schuler, Lowe, Muggli, Aamoth,
(Kitzmann, Fitch, Dahl, Thompson of Richland,
(Halcrow, Neukircher, Trom, Knudsen of LaMoure)

REMOVAL OF EXCISE TAXES ON LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE SERVICE

A resolution memorializing the Congress to remove the wartime excise taxes upon local and long distance telephone service.

WHEREAS, a federal excise tax of ten percent upon the charges for local and long distance telephone service was passed in 1941 as an emergency wartime measure to provide needed funds to support the war effort and to discourage the use of telephone service during the war period; and

WHEREAS, telephone service is an essential part of our way of life and cannot under any circumstances be considered a luxury item to be taxed in the same manner as furs, jewelry, liquor and other luxury commodities; and

WHEREAS, other household and business necessities, including electricity, water and gas are not taxed in such a manner; and

WHEREAS, the placement of high excise taxes upon such a necessity of life as telephone service results in the taxation of those citizens who can least afford to pay in the same manner as those of unlimited financial means; and

WHEREAS, the wartime emergency requiring the special additional revenue and restriction of the use of telephone service has long since passed;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the Congress is urgently requested to remove the unfair and unequitable tax upon telephone service during the current session of Congress.

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded without delay by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed January 30, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 5

(Hilleboe, Fitch, Kitzmann, Brown, Trom, Dahl,
Muggli, Knudsen of LaMoure, Vinje, Neukircher,
Halcrow, Schuler, Aamoth, Lowe)

MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO REFRAIN FROM ENACTING
FURTHER INCREASES IN MOTOR FUEL TAXES

A resolution memorializing the Congress to refrain from enacting any further increases in motor fuel taxes.

WHEREAS, certain measures are presently pending before the Congress to increase federal taxes upon motor fuel by one and one-half cents per gallon; and

WHEREAS, motor fuel taxes have until recent years been a type of tax reserved for the states but in recent sessions of the Congress have been to a large extent pre-empted for federal revenue purposes, thereby handicapping the financial operations of the states; and

WHEREAS, present high motor fuel taxes place a substantial burden upon the operators of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, automobiles and motor trucks have become an essential part of our economy and our way of life and the motor fuel used in such vehicles can not under any circumstances be considered a luxury item deserving of high rates of taxation; and

WHEREAS, the high motor fuel taxes upon a necessity of life results in the taxation of those citizens who can least afford

to pay in the same manner as those of unlimited financial means through increased costs of transportation and the resulting higher prices of goods;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the Congress is urgently requested to refrain from further increasing the taxation of motor fuel; and

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed February 3, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

MRS. JOSEPH MENZ

A resolution extending best wishes to the wife of Representative Joseph Menz in her time of illness.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the House of Representatives that illness has entered the family of our colleague, Representative Joseph Menz, by reason of the illness of his beloved wife; and

WHEREAS, Representative Menz and Mrs. Menz are held in the highest esteem by the members of this body; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the House of Representatives that Mrs. Menz may be speedily restored to the comfort and companionship of her family in good health;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That we extend our sincerest sympathies to both Representative Menz and his wife and that we wish Mrs. Menz God's Blessing for a speedy recovery and return to good health; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Mrs. Menz.

Filed March 6, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 7
(Link)

HISTORICAL UTILIZATION OF PRESENT GOVERNOR'S
MANSION

A resolution relating to the present governor's mansion located at 320 Avenue B East in the City of Bismarck.

WHEREAS, the present governor's mansion located at 320 Avenue B East in the City of Bismarck, North Dakota is of historical significance; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the House of Representatives to make plans for the retention of such governor's mansion for suitable historical purposes;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the state historical society is directed to confer with the state board of administration to consider suitable historical purposes for which such governor's mansion may be utilized, and to make its recommendations thereon to the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the state historical society and the state board of administration.

Filed March 6, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 8
(Introduced by Members of the 36th Legislative Assembly)

A resolution expressing appreciation to the city of Bismarck and its residents for courtesies extended during the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS, members of the House of Representatives have enjoyed the hospitality of the City of Bismarck and its residents during the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the House of Representatives to express their most sincere appreciation to the City of Bismarck in recognition of the many courtesies extended to them;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota:

That the members express a sincere sense of appreciation for all of the individual and collective acts of the city and its residents in making their stay most productive and pleasurable during the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 6, 1959.