

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1
(Hoffner, Streibel, Strinden)

HOUSE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

A resolution relating to the employment practices of the House, the duties and responsibilities of the House Employment Committee, the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Council regarding House employees, and establishing the use of a uniform employment application form.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly has need of uniform and efficient procedures and policies in regard to the interviewing, hiring, and supervision of legislative employees in order to ensure that the assembly is fully ready for business on the first day of the regular session; and

WHEREAS, the required qualifications of prospective legislative employees are such that in many instances a person having those qualifications would be useful as either a Senate or House employee, and use of a uniform employment application blank would aid in determining whether such qualifications exist; and

WHEREAS, the legislative employment process could be more expeditiously carried out if the Employment Committees of the two Houses would meet jointly during the Organizational Session of the Legislature to coordinate their employment practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That the House Employment Committee, following appointment of the members thereof at the Organizational Session, be prepared to meet jointly with the Senate Employment Committee during the Organizational Session, and at such meeting, to prepare uniform legislative employment application forms for use by the Employment Committees of both Houses. Further, the House Employment Committee, at that meeting, should be prepared to consider employment applications already received, and to discuss and formulate a joint policy statement regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Employment Committees of both Houses in the hiring, supervision, and discharge of legislative employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House hereby states its intention that the policy statement referred to above provide that the Employment Committees shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of misconduct against an employee of their respective House, and shall report with their recommendations thereon to their respective House for appropriate action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council shall receive employment applications from prospective legislative employees for a reasonable amount of time prior to the Organizational Session to be held in December 1972, in order that the Employment Committees formed at that session may more readily carry out the requirements of this resolution.

Filed February 18, 1971

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2
(Reimers)DEVELOPMENT OF JAMES RIVER
NAVIGATION

A resolution urging a study of the feasibility of the development of the James River to provide river navigation to points in North Dakota and South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the James River will be utilized to convey water that will be diverted from the Missouri River by the Garrison Diversion Unit to various areas in southern North Dakota for irrigation and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of the James River for the Garrison Diversion Unit will require substantial improvement of that river to accommodate the additional flows that will accrue thereto both in North Dakota and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the lower freight costs which would be possible as the result of the development of the James River would stimulate the economic and industrial development of the areas which would be served; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District has gone on record in favor of a study of the feasibility of providing waterborne transportation on the James River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That the United States Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers are urged and requested to initiate such action as may be necessary for a study of the feasibility and the potential benefits of the development of the James River as a waterway to provide river navigation to points in North Dakota and South Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3
(Streibel, Hoffner)

BESTOWING AWARD ON GOVERNOR GUY

A resolution awarding Governor William L. Guy the North Dakota National Leadership Award of Excellence.

WHEREAS, North Dakota has less than one-half of one percent of the Nation's population and yet has over the years provided a number of men and women who have served in positions of national leadership and prominence; and

WHEREAS, to make our State's citizens and others aware of the contributions of these distinguished North Dakotans on the national scene, and to honor and pay suitable tribute to these leaders, Governor William L. Guy established the North Dakota National Leadership Award of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the award consists of a certificate suitable for framing, and the presidential rocking chair, a symbol of national leadership and an identical replica purchased from the furniture manufacturing company that made the original two rocking chairs used by President John F. Kennedy in the White House; and

WHEREAS, eleven such awards have been made by the Governor to date, to: Brooks Keogh, Keene, President, American National Cattlemen's Association, 1964-66; Raymond C. Dobson, Minot, Grand Exalted Ruler, National Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, 1966-67; Francis J. Beaton, Fargo, National Commander, Disabled American Veterans, 1967-68; Mrs. Elizabeth Bodine, Velva, United States Mother of the Year, 1968; John E. Davis, Bismarck, National Commander, American Legion, 1966-67; M.F. Peterson, Bismarck, President, Council of Chief State School Officials, 1967-68; Dr. Leonard W. Larson, Bismarck, President, American Medical Association, 1961-62; Mrs. James (Amelia) Morris, Bismarck, National President, American Legion Auxiliary, 1938-39; Ben Meier, Bismarck, President, National Association of Secretaries of State, 1966-67; Larry Iverson, Valley City, President, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, 1970-71; and Edwin C. Becker, Bismarck, Chairman, Council of State Governments, 1969-70; and

WHEREAS, Governor William L. Guy served as Chairman of the National Governors Conference during 1966-67, a position of national leadership that brought great honor and distinction to North Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in bestowing upon Governor William L. Guy the North Dakota National Leadership Award of Excellence for his services to our State and Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State deliver an enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor William L. Guy.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4
(Committee on Photography)

APPOINTING OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

A resolution to appoint an official photographer for the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly 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, L.W. Naegle's Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, offers to make a composite group picture of the members of the 1971 North Dakota House of Representatives, size thirty-eight inches by forty-nine inches, said picture to be framed and ready to hang; and one hundred and two, fourteen inches by eleven inches, copies of said picture for each member and desk force of the House of Representatives; and two, five inches by seven inches, prints of each representative, one for the state historical society and one for each member of the House of Representatives, at a cost of one thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That L.W. Naegle's Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, be, and is hereby appointed official photographer for the North Dakota House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that L.W. Naegle's Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, be, and is hereby awarded the sole privilege of photographing members of the House of Representatives of the Forty-Second Legislative Assembly, at a cost of one thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars to be taken out of legislative expenses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that delivery of the photographs shall be within ninety days after the adjournment of the legislative session.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7
(Fleming)

CONGRATULATING MISS NORTH DAKOTA

A resolution commending and congratulating Miss North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the State's oldest and most respected beauty pageant, the Miss North Dakota Pageant, has since 1949 selected some of North Dakota's finest and loveliest young ladies to represent the State in the annual Miss America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, the present Miss North Dakota, and those who have held the title previously, have reflected great credit upon North Dakota and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Forty-second Legislative Assembly was honored on January 28, 1971, with the presence and the singing of the current Miss North Dakota, Miss Nancy Tangen; and

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the Legislative Assembly to recognize and honor North Dakota citizens for their accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in commending the current Miss North Dakota, Miss Nancy Tangen of Northwood, and expresses congratulations and best wishes during the remainder of her reign as Miss North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to Miss Nancy Tangen, Northwood, North Dakota.

Filed February 25, 1971

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8
(Olienyk, Patrick)

CONCERN OVER CRISIS IN GRAIN FARMING

A resolution asking federal officials to take note of the rising crisis in grain farming.

WHEREAS, 1968 figures indicate that United States farmers were then more than fifty billion dollars in debt, and were constantly going deeper into debt at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, since 1939 inflation has cut the purchasing power of the dollar by sixty-three cents; and

WHEREAS, based on 1939 values, grain farmers in North Dakota are getting the following prices: wheat, seventy-four cents; barley, twenty-six cents; oats, eighteen cents; rye, thirty-two cents; and flax, ninety-two cents; and

WHEREAS, at these rockbottom prices the grain farmer is required to sacrifice forty-eight percent of his wheat acreage and to endure constantly rising costs; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the economic position of the North Dakota grain farmer trails that of virtually all other segments of the economy, including ranchers, dairymen, and others engaged in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, this situation has forced many grain farmers to leave the farm or leave North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, federal officials, particularly the United States Department of Agriculture, have failed to recognize the special problems of the grain farmer and to note his urgent needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly expresses its deep concern over the plight of the grain farmer and urges the Nixon Administration, the Congress, the United States Department of Agriculture, and other concerned federal officials to recognize the problems facing the grain farmer and to take the necessary steps to assure that the grain farmer is accorded his fair share of the income and economic growth of the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Filed February 25, 1971

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9
(Streibel, Strinden, Hoffner, Reimers, Weber)

COMMENDING MISS VEE ANN STEEN

A resolution to honor and commend Miss Vee Ann Steen, the 1971 North Dakota Easter Seal Poster Child, and to make her an honorary member of the North Dakota House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Miss Vee Ann Steen, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steen of rural Minot, has been selected as the 1971 North Dakota Easter Seal Poster Child; and

WHEREAS, Miss Steen attends the second grade in Burlington, is an enthusiastic participant in school activities despite her handicap, and enjoys swimming and snowmobiling; and

WHEREAS, this outgoing and pretty little blonde will be one of the State's smallest ambassadors of good will as she represents the State Easter Seal Society and all other physically handicapped North Dakotans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That Miss Vee Ann Steen be heartily commended for her many activities and congratulated for her selection as the State's Easter Seal Poster Child, and that in all of her activities she carry with her the very warmest admiration and best wishes of the North Dakota House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Miss Vee Ann Steen is hereby designated an honorary member of the North Dakota House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the North Dakota Easter Seal Society and to Miss Vee Ann Steen.

Filed March 31, 1971

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10
(Delayed Bills Committee)

COMMENDING LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

A resolution recognizing the value of the Legislative Internship Program and commending its participants.

WHEREAS, the Forty-second Legislative Assembly currently participates in an academic program whereby eight outstanding young undergraduate, graduate, and law students enrolled at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University are selected by their parent institution to serve the majority and minority caucuses, several of the standing committees of the House and Senate, and the Legislative Assembly in the capacity of Legislative Interns; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the session, the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly has recognized the academic value of the Legislative Internship Program and the opportunity it affords to these young undergraduate, graduate, and law students to observe the legislative process, as well as the opportunity for the majority and minority caucuses, several of the standing committees of the House and Senate, and the Legislative Assembly to avail themselves of the energy, talents, enthusiasm, and ability of the Interns; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly is cognizant of the meritorious contribution and abilities of the Legislative Interns and the way in which they have conducted themselves, especially their courteous and respectful manner and ability to refrain from entering into the policymaking role in their association with the majority and minority caucuses and the several standing committees of the Legislative Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That the service performed by the eight Legislative Interns for the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly is hereby recognized, and that they be commended for the outstanding diligence, ability, talent, enthusiasm, and courteousness they have exhibited throughout all their associations with the House; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislative Assembly forward a copy of this resolution to each of the eight Legislative Interns.

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