

# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

# NOVEMBER 2009

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| 1<br>Daylight saving time ends<br> | 2   | 3<br>INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, AND LABOR, 9a, Roughrider Room        | 4<br>NATURAL RESOURCES, 9a, Roughrider Room<br>North Dakota Telephone Association 27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Minot (4-5) | 5<br>COMMISSION ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, 9a, Roughrider Room<br>North Dakota High School Activities Association State Student Congress, House and Senate Chambers (5-6) | 6   | 7<br>Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase, Grand Forks (7-8)  |
| 8  | 9<br>Great Plains Energy Expo and Showcase, Bismarck (9-10) | 10   | 11<br>Veterans Day, State Holiday<br>         | 12<br>Council of State Governments 2009 Annual Conference, La Quinta, California (12-15)   | 13  | 14<br>Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase, Minot (14-15)   |
| 15   | 16  | 17<br>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 1p, Roughrider Room           | 18<br>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 9a, Roughrider Room (cont.)   | 19<br>North Dakota Farm Bureau Convention and Exposition, Bismarck (19-22)   | 20<br>North Dakota Farmers Union State Convention, Fargo (20-21)<br>State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, Minot | 21<br>Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase, Fargo (21-22)   |
| 22   | 23  | 24<br>ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION, 9a, Roughrider Room | 25   | 26<br><br>State Holiday  | 27  | 28  |
| 29   | 30  |  |  |  |   | December 2009<br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3 4 5<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12<br>13 14 15 16 17 18 19<br>20 21 22 23 24 25 26<br>27 28 29 30 31 |

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### OTHER EVENTS:

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| December 5-6  | Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase, Bismarck  |
| December 7    | Pearl Harbor Day  |
| December 9    | North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association Annual Meeting, Bismarck                     |
| December 9-11 | 46 <sup>th</sup> Annual Joint North Dakota Water Convention and Irrigation Expo, Bismarck |
| December 9-12 | National Conference of State Legislatures Fall Forum, San Diego, California               |
| December 11   | Hanukkah Begins at Sundown  |
| December 21   | First Day of Winter   |
| December 24   | Christmas Eve, state offices close at noon  |
| December 25   | Christmas Day, State Holiday  |
| December 26   | Boxing Day, Canadian Holiday  |
| December 31   | New Year's Eve  |

# 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.