

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, April 28, 2015
Prairie Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Ray Holmberg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Members present: Senators Ray Holmberg, Tyler Axness, Jerry Klein, Donald Schaible, Mac Schneider, Connie Triplett, Jessica Unruh, Rich Wardner; Representatives Wesley R. Belter, Al Carlson, Bill Devlin, Jason Dockter, Kathy Hogan, Marvin E. Nelson, Kenton Onstad, Dan Ruby, Jim Schmidt

Members absent: None

Others present: Senators Brad Bekkedahl, Ron Carlisle, Dwight Cook, Jonathan Casper, Joan Heckaman, George Sinner, Erin Oban; Representatives Kim Koppelman, Jim Kasper, Mark Owens, Todd Porter
Jason Steckler, L. Anita Thomas, John Walstad, Legislative Council, Bismarck
Joel Gilbertson, James MacPherson, Mike Nowatski, Nick Smith, Dale Wetzel

Chairman Holmberg opened the nominations for Chairman of the Legislative Management. Representative Belter nominated Representative Carlson, seconded by Representative Schmidt. Senator Schaible nominated Senator Holmberg, seconded by Senator Klein. On a roll call vote, Representatives Carlson, Belter, Devlin, Dockter, Ruby, and Schmidt voted for Representative Carlson. Representatives Hogan, Nelson, and Onstad and Senators Holmberg, Axness, Klein, Schaible, Schneider, Triplett, Unruh, and Warner voted for Senator Holmberg. Senator Holmberg was elected Chairman.

Chairman Holmberg announced that nominations for Vice Chairman were open. Representative Devlin nominated Representative Carlson, seconded by Senator Wardner. On a unanimous voice vote Representative Carlson was elected Vice Chairman.

In response to a question from Chairman Holmberg, the Director indicated traditional business for the Legislative Management is to set two meeting dates—one in May to review study directives and establish priorities for discretionary studies. The Legislative Management generally authorizes the Chairman to establish a committee structure based on the study directives approved for the interim and a survey is sent to each legislator asking for committee preferences. He said the second meeting should be at least two weeks after the first to allow staff time to distribute the survey, receive survey returns, and tabulate the results from legislators. The second meeting of the Legislative Management would be to approve the committee membership assignments.

The Legislative Management discussed various dates for the next two meetings. Chairman Holmberg announced the Legislative Management would meet on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, to prioritize studies. He said the second meeting would be Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

No further business appearing, Chairman Holmberg adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Jim W. Smith
Director