

The Final Countdown

Joel Gilbertson, the G in GA Group, represented Virgil Hill, North Dakota's legendary world champion boxer, years ago in his many bout and promotion agreements with Don King, among others. As Virgil Hill would walk into the ring, the song "The Final Countdown" by the band Europe would play on the sound system. That was Hill's theme song, whether it was a colosseum in Paris, the Bismarck Civic Center, the Olympic Hall in Munich, or the classical 30,000 seat Wembley Stadium in London. And Hill walked into the ring carrying the North Dakota flag at every single world championship fight. Virgil has now been inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame.

Turning to the North Dakota Legislature... We're there! It's "The Final Countdown." Many leadership meetings, conference committees, picking and choosing top priorities and figuring out how much the state can spend are all parts of The Final Countdown. And it is here! The home stretch!

Hearings this Week

The only legislation still in the committee hearing process is HB 1521 and SB 2148, relating to the North Dakota Ethics Commission. At this point, it appears HB 1521, which is in the Senate Ethics Committee, will be the vehicle the legislature will use to adopt ethics provisions required by Measure 1. This past week, NDBA's Rick Clayburgh testified on HB 1521, offering amendments to try to address concerns trade associations face when administering a Political Action Committee (PAC). The committee is sympathetic to the concern but not sure if they can constitutionally address it. Rick will continue to work with committee members as they try to finish amending the bill. The Committee has work sessions scheduled Monday and Tuesday. They must complete their committee work by Wednesday, April 17.

Bills Still on the NDBA Legislative Plate

HB 1008 – DFI Appropriation Bill – last week, the Senate amended the department's budget and passed it 46-0. The House did not concur with the changes and a conference committee has been appointed. The House

doesn't necessarily disagree with the Senate changes, but would like to sit down and hear an explanation. The first meeting of the conference committee will be Monday morning.

HB 1014 – Industrial Commission Bill, including BND Appropriation – Housing Finance Agency and the Housing Incentive Fund was amended and passed by the Senate Friday afternoon 42-5. Odds are the House will not concur with the changes and a conference committee will be appointed.

SB 2346 – Relating to warehouse, grain buyer and indemnity fund – The bill, among other things, was amended by the House Ag Committee to move oversight authority from the PSC to the Ag Department. On Wednesday, the House agreed with the committee and passed the bill 80-13. The bill is headed to conference committee.

HB 1467 – which also relates to warehouse, grain buyer and indemnity fund, was turned into an extensive study of grain buyers, roving grain buyers, grain brokers, and grain handling facilities under title 60 by the Senate. The bill is on the House calendar awaiting a concurrence vote.




Other Action

SB 2179 – relating to the prevention of financial exploitation of an eligible adult – passed the House with amendments 86-0. The Senate concurred with the House amendments and passed the bill 47-0 on April 2. The Governor signed the bill on April 8.

HB 1106 - Invisible reinsurance pool – the bill creates an invisible reinsurance pool for the state's individual health insurance market and allows health insurance companies to take the assessment created by the bill as a premium tax credit. The Senate passed the bill 46-1 on April 4. The bill is now on the House Calendar for their concurrence.

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Hearings for the Week of April 15

Date and Time	Bill Number	Hearing Description	Committee	Room
04/15/2019 03:30 PM 	HB 1521	Relating to reporting campaign contributions and expenditures, restrictions on public officials and lobbyists, investigations of ethics violations, and implementing requirements of article XIV, rulemaking procedures, & requirements for the ND Ethics Commission.	Ethics	Ft Lincoln
04/16/2019 03:30 PM 	HB 1521	Relating to reporting campaign contributions and expenditures, restrictions on public officials and lobbyists, investigations of ethics violations, and implementing requirements of article XIV, rulemaking procedures, & requirements for the ND Ethics Commission.	Ethics	Ft Lincoln
04/18/2019 02:30 PM 	SB 2148	Relating to the prohibition on personal use of campaign contributions and the rulemaking procedures and requirements for the North Dakota ethics commission; to provide a penalty and appropriation.	Ethics	Brynild Haugland

NDBA Priority Legislation Tracking List

Bill	Status	Title
HB 1008	House: PASSED 78 – 14 Senate: PASSED 43 - 2 NDBA Supports	A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of financial institutions. Conference Committee
HB 1014	House: PASSED 86 – 7 Senate: PASSED 42 – 5 NDBA Supports	A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial commission; and to provide for a transfer. Includes BND and Housing Finance and HIF. Conference Committee
HB 1106	House: PASSED 93 – 0 Senate: PASSED 46 - 1 NDBA Supports with Amendments	Relating to the establishment of an invisible reinsurance pool for the individual health insurance market; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 26.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to premium taxes and credits for insurance companies; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.
HB 1110	House: PASSED 92 – 0 Senate: PASSED 31-14 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports	Relating to the adoption of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts; and to amend and reenact sections 11-18-15, 44-06.1-01, 44-06.1-03, 44-06.1-18, and 47-19-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the adoption of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.
HB 1217	House: DEFEATED 24 - 67 NDBA Opposed	Relating to competition between the government and private industry and to require a report to the legislative management.
HB 1220	House: PASSED 89 – 0 Senate: PASSED 44 – 1 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports w/amendments	Relating to priority of agricultural supplier liens; and to provide for application. Amended in committee to study notice on SOS central filing system.

Bill	Status	Title
<u>HB 1263</u>	House: PASSED 86 – 5 Senate: PASSED 46 – 0 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Neutral	Relating to right of an owner to reclaim an abandoned vehicle; to amend and reenact sections 23.1-15-01, 23.1-15-03, 23.1-15-05, 23.1-15-06, 23.1-15-07, 39-26-02, and 39-26-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to custody and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.
<u>HB 1467</u>	House: PASSED 85 – 8 Senate: PASSED 45 - 0 NDBA Neutral	Relating to the definition of agriculture commissioner; and relating to moving the authority over grain, grain buyers, warehousing, deposits, and warehousemen from the public service commission to the agriculture commissioner; to provide a penalty; and to provide a continuing appropriation. Amended into a study by Senate.
<u>HB 1485</u>	House: PASSED 93 – 0 Senate: PASSED 43 – 2 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Neutral as amended	Relating to protection against the disclosure of personal information; and to provide a penalty. <u>Amended into a Study Resolution – NDBA now Neutral</u>
<u>HB 1524</u>	House: PASSED 93 – 0 Senate: DEFEATED 46 - 1 NDBA Neutral as amended	Relating to the regulation of data brokers; and to provide a penalty. <u>Amended into a Study Resolution</u>
<u>SB 2093</u>	Senate: PASSED 47 - 0 House: PASSED 90 – 0 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports	Relating to the examination of technology service providers, the capital requirement for trust companies, the examination of trust companies, the definition of a financial institution, surety bond requirements for money brokers and collection agencies, notice requirement for deferred presentment service providers, fees for money transmitters, and reporting requirements for debt-settlement providers; and to repeal sections 13-04.1-05.1, 13-05-05.2, 13-08-05.2, and 13-09-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to automatic renewal of license in 2009 for money brokers, automatic renewal of license in 2014 for collection agencies, deferred presentment service providers, and money transmitters.
<u>SB 2098</u>	Senate: PASSED 47 - 0 House: PASSED House 62 – 27 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports	Relating to the Bank of North Dakota residential mortgage loan program; and to declare an emergency.
<u>SB 2179</u>	Senate: PASSED 47 - 0 House: PASSED 86 – 0 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports	Relating to the prevention of financial exploitation; and to amend and reenact section 6-08.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a financial institution's duty of confidentiality.
<u>SB 2197</u>	Senate: PASSED 45 - 0 House: PASSED 81 – 5 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports	Relating to BND's beginning farmer and family farmers loan program.

Bill	Status	Title
<u>SB 2205</u>	Senate: PASSED 43 – 2 House: PASSED 61 – 29 Governor: SIGNED NDBA Supports	Relating to abandoned property; and to amend and reenact sections 28-23-11, 32-19-18, 32-19-19, 32-19-23, and 32-19-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to foreclosure of real estate.
<u>SB 2233</u>	Senate: DEFEATED 11 - 35 NDBA Opposed without Amendments	Relating to health insurance coverage for infertility treatment; and to provide for application.
<u>SB 2262</u>	Senate: PASSED 47 - 0 House: PASSED 83 – 7 Governor: SIGNED NDBA's Bill	Relating to the use and possession of re-encoders and scanning devices; to amend and reenact section 12.1-23-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the unauthorized use of personal identifying information; to repeal section 12.1-23-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the unlawful skimming of credit, debit, or other electronic payment cards; and to provide a penalty.
<u>SB 2271</u>	Senate: PASSED 44 – 3 House: DEFEATED 17 – 74. NDBA Supports	Relating to the housing incentive fund; to provide a transfer; and to provide an appropriation. <u>Housing Incentive Fund has been amended into HB 1014.</u>
<u>SB 2346</u>	Senate: PASSED 46 – 0 House: PASSED 80 – 13 NDBA Supports with NDBA Amendments	Relating to records confidentiality for warehousemen and grain buyers and assessment refunds for grain producers; and relating to warehouse and grain buyer licensing, scale ticket conversions, claims distributions, assessments and refunds, subrogation, and unlicensed grain buyers; to provide a penalty; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide for reports. Conference Committee
<u>SB 2357</u>	Senate: PASSED 41 - 4 House: DEFEATED 18 - 71 NDBA Supports with BND Amendments	A BILL for an Act to provide for a Bank of North Dakota loan guarantee program for federal workers affected by the federal shutdown; and to declare an emergency.
<u>HCR 3026</u>	House: PASSED 88 – 0 Senate: PASSED Voice Vote NDBA Supports	A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Internal Revenue Service to allow states to determine health benefit coverage requirements without jeopardizing health savings account eligibility.
<u>SCR 4006</u>	Senate: PASSED Voice Vote House: PASSED Voice Vote NDBA Supports	A concurrent resolution to recognize Monday, February 25, 2019, as “Bank of North Dakota Day” and to congratulate the Bank of North Dakota on its 100th anniversary.

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or by leaving a message with the legislative telephone message center at
1-888-NDLEGIS (635-3447)
or **701-328-3373** (local).

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Senate

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/files/resource/miscellaneous/senateroster.pdf?20150106101229>



House

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/files/resource/miscellaneous/houseroster.pdf?20150106101310>

Over the course of the session, NDBA may ask you to call your Senator or Representative to talk to them about a particular bill or to ask them to support or oppose a particular bill.

Legislator contacts from local bankers are extremely important, so, please, if we ask, contact your legislators!

Also, local legislative forums are great to attend because they inform you about issues beyond banking and let you get to know your legislators at home where they are most responsive to your interests and concerns.

Don't be a stranger; get to know your representatives in Bismarck!