



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



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Update No. 9

Well, we're back! Legislators arrived back in Bismarck after the weeklong break on Wednesday. It felt like a soft start with only committee hearings on the agenda until today when both the House and the Senate gavelled in for their first floor sessions in over a week. That means only today counts towards the constitutional limit of 80 legislative days, but given next week's hearing schedule its clear legislators are intent on saving a good chunk of the remaining 45 days.

UPDATES FROM ICBND'S PRIORITY TRACKING LIST

Next week's hearing schedule has a number of priority list bills that ICBND is watching. The most significant include HB 1127 (the bill that includes a data security program for non-bank financial institutions), HB 1447 (the virtual currency kiosk bill), HB 1507 (the cooperative bank charter bill), SB 2127 (the Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act), and SB 2123 (the Uniform Special Deposits Act).

This week's load was a little lighter. On Wednesday, **SB 2122**, the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act was heard in House Industry, Business, and Labor. After amending the bill to include a study of receivership laws related to non-commercial property, the committee gave the bill an 11-0-2 Do Pass recommendation. ICBND is supportive of the bill.

Immediately following the previous hearing, we headed to House Human Services where **SB 2164** was being heard. SB 2164 requires banks to allow the Protection and Advocacy Project to access financial records to investigate reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation of an individual with a disability. You may recall that in the first period of the session we worked with the Senate committee and bill supporters to amend the bill to ensure we were comfortable with the process for accessing customer information for the protection of both customers and the bank. The only testimony came from the Protection and Advocacy Project in support of the amended bill and the committee promptly gave it a unanimous Do-Pass recommendation.

On Friday, the Government Operations Division of Senate Appropriations heard **HB 1278**, the cash management bill. The current bill creates an 8-member cash-management board tasked with reviewing and potentially creating new cash management policies and procedures for the state. House Majority Leader Lefor introduced and testified in support of the bill. He also introduced an amendment that would make the Governor the chair of the task force. The task force is comprised of four legislators

and four members of the executive branch. Senator Patten also testified in support. The committee adopted the amendment and gave it a 5-0 Do-Pass recommendation.

Finally, the House Agriculture committee heard **SB 2152** and gave it a 10-3-1 Do-Pass recommendation. SB 2152 removes agricultural land of less than eighty acres from the exemption to file a deed transferring the title with the county recorder. NDFCC, the North Dakota Appraisers Association, and an independent appraiser testified in support. There was no opposing testimony.

NEXT WEEK'S HEARING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10

9:30 a.m.	HB 1127	Financial institution data security program	Senate I&B	Fort Union
9:30 a.m.	SB 2144	Fees charged by a notary public	House IBL	327C
10 a.m.	HB 1447	Virtual-currency kiosks	Senate I&B	Fort Union
10:30 a.m.	HB 1183	Relating to gold and silver investments	Senate I&B	Fort Union
3 p.m.	HB 1507	Cooperative bank charter	Senate I&B	Fort Union

Tuesday, March 11

9 a.m.	SB 2047	Withholding wages of employees; and to provide an effective date.	House Finance & Tax	327E
9:30 a.m.	SB 2356	The contents of a legal description for a deed and a contract for deed.	House IBL	327C
10 a.m.	SB 2310	Relating to garnishments.	House Finance & Tax	327E
11 a.m.	SB 2127	Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act	House Judiciary	327B

Wednesday, March 12

8:30 a.m.	SB 2014	Relating to confidential and exempt records of the Bank of North Dakota	House Approps. – GO	Brynhild Haugland
2:30 p.m.	HB 1354	Definitions of agency and evaluation, the standards of professional appraisal practice, and appraisal and evaluation guidelines.	Senate I&B	Fort Union
2:30 p.m.	SB 2014	Relating to confidential and exempt records of the Bank of North Dakota	House Approps. – GO	Brynhild Haugland
3:45 p.m.	SB 2123	Uniform Special Deposits Act	House IBL	327C

Thursday, March 13

No hearings scheduled at this time.

Friday, March 14

No hearings scheduled at this time.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

March 12	Crossover date for resolutions
May 2	Session limited to 80 legislative days.

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