

Organizational Session Kicks off 68th Legislative Assembly

New leadership in House and Senate

- **Senate Majority Leader – David Hogue (R-38 Minot)**
- **Ass't Senate Majority Leader – Jerry Klein (R-14, Fessenden)**
- **Senate Minority Leader – Kathy Hogan (D-21, Fargo)**
- **Ass't Senate Minority Leader – Merrill Piepkorn (D-44, Fargo)**
- **House Majority Leader – Mike LeFor (R-37, Dickinson)**
- **Ass't House Majority Leader – Glenn Bosch (R-30, Bismarck)**
- **House Minority Leader – Josh Bochee (D-44, Fargo)**
- **Ass't House Minority Leader – Zachary Ista (D-43, Grand Forks)**

Additionally, new Appropriations Committee Chairs were named to lead the biennial budget process:

- **Brad Bekkedahl (R-1, Williston) Senate Chair**
- **Don Vigesaa (R-29, Cooperstown) House Chair**

Governor outlines priorities for Administration

Governor Doug Burgum addressed a Joint Session of the 68th Legislative Assembly on Dec 5, unveiling a record budget for the State. Among his priorities for the 2023 Session include workforce, child care, education and the "Finding the Good Life" campaign to attract workers and families. The Legislature will contemplate the Governor's ideas and possibly incorporate them into the several budget bills to be debated and ultimately passed by April 28, 2023. [Click here for the Bismarck Tribune story](#)

Key Legislative Deadlines:

- Jan 3 – Session Begins
- Jan 9 – House bill introduction deadline
- Jan 23 – Senate bill introduction deadline
- Feb 24 – Crossover date for bills
- April 28 – Final statutory session date

NDTOA hosts "meet & greet" for new and returning legislators

The NDTOA hosted an informal meet and greet for legislators and supporters at the Stonehome Brewing Company in Bismarck on December 6. More than 75 legislators joined the conversation in addition to representatives from the GNDC, ND Association of Counties, NDFU, NDFB, WDEA and others. A one page information sheet was available to attendees highlighting the importance of townships in North Dakota.

NDTOA was represented by several board members and Larry Syverson.



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Updates" once
the Legislative
Session gets
underway!**