Legislative report
By Sen. Robert Erbele

Legislature is on track to finish April 23
Conference committees have started and are now in full swing. The Senate has under 25 bills to finish and are now in full swing. April 23rd seems very tangible.

On May, the 8th, the Governor had a signing ceremony for House Bill 1425. This bill directs the state investment board to invest up to 20% of the Legacy Fund in North Dakota. The state investment board will not be allocating the investment funds. The board will hire an outside fund manager to find potential companies who can hit a targeted return on the investment. 

On Monday, the Senate passed the bonding bill, which we have all discussed. The final bill was just under $1.3 billion. The bond will jump-start the infrastructure and complete the state’s promise to build the Fargo Diversion. This bond will be paid for by Legacy Fund earnings and by the funding and grants that go to the North Dakota taxpayer. The Fargo Diversion project will be able to open up the 2nd amendment rights. It took 20 years to get this bond back through the House again and signed by the governor.

HB1498, the stand your ground bill, has passed the Senate. Next step is to meet with the House for concurrence to slight changes and is now headed to the governor’s desk for signing. This legislation holds that anyone over 18 must contain a gun for personal protection and for preserving our 2nd amendment rights. It is a very impressive vote considering the bill came out of committee with a 6-1 do not pass recommendation. I believe that this is one of the most important pieces of legislation for freedom this session. The people’s involvement and support has been truly amazing and we know this bill will be a great tool for people to be able to protect themselves.

The Board of Higher Education is now headed to the governor’s desk and signed by the governor. The Prairie Wranglers perform- ed an outstanding job for personal safety measures. It is now headed to the House again for concurrence to slight changes and is now headed to the governor’s desk for signing. This legislation holds that anyone over 18 must contain a gun for personal protection and for preserving our 2nd amendment rights. It is a very impressive vote considering the bill came out of committee with a 6-1 do not pass recommendation. I believe that this is one of the most important pieces of legislation for freedom this session. The people’s involvement and support has been truly amazing and we know this bill will be a great tool for people to be able to protect themselves.

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By Rep. Jeff Magrum
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Hi Everyone. I generally report on policy bills because I sit on the policy committee and not directly on appropriations bills. That task is left up to the Appropriations Committee. The House has 21 members on Appropriations.

Last week was action packed. We started off the week with an Anti-Mask Rally on the front of the Capitol on Monday morning, the 5th of April at 10 AM. Several different conserva- tion groups were participating in our very own Health Freedom North Dakota started by Alexis Wangler of Lincoln, have been working together to promote HB1123. There was well over 200 people in attendance. Pretty good turnout.

Removal of the ability to mandate the wearing of a mask. This bill would not have allowed anyone or the state to mandate the wearing of a mask. However, there was a floor amendment which seemed to be a compromise. The bill’s changes mean it would only prohibit state officials, including the governor and state legislative officers, from creating a mask requirement. However, cities, counties, school boards and businesses would still be allowed to mandate mask use. This passed the Senate 30-17 and will now be sent to conference committee.

Thank you all who share your ideas and concerns. Your input is appreciated.

Maple sugaring event at Fort Stevenson State Park
Come to Fort Stevenson State Park on April 10 and learn how to make maple syrup. Fort Stevenson State Park staff will demonstrate how to tap trees, collect sap, and turn it into delicious maple syrup. Hear about the history of maple syrup and the many uses it has. The event takes place at 10:00 am, noon, and 2:00 pm.

Take a horse-drawn wagon ride in the afternoon. Kids activ- ities and craft programs will be going throughout the day. Anyone interested is invited to participate. Enjoy live music by The Prairie Wranglers performing at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

See how Sugar on the Snow is made and purchase a treat.

Driscoll Mens Club Meeting at TNT Tavern
Monday, April 19th at 7 pm

All members are asked to attend. If you would like to join please come to the meeting!