NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 17, 2007
Pioneer Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure

9:05 a.m. Comments by the chairman regarding the responsibilities of the committee

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYTEM STUDY

9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the state's emergency medical services system

9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding the state's emergency medical services system, including:

- The plan for distributing the $1,250,000 appropriation from the insurance tax distribution fund for providing grants to emergency medical services operations (2007 House Bill No. 1296)
- The plan to hire a contractor to assess the state's emergency medical services system (2007 House Bill No. 1296)
- The plan to hire a contractor to evaluate the trauma system in the state (2007 House Bill No. 1290)

10:30 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the state's emergency medical services system

10:40 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the committee's study of the state's emergency medical services system

DELIVERY AND FUNDING OF VETERANS' SERVICES STUDY

10:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the delivery and funding of veterans' services by the state and counties

11:00 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the delivery and funding of veterans' services in the state

11:30 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of veterans' services

11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the committee's study of veterans' services

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the Department of Emergency Services

1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Auditor's office regarding the performance audits conducted in 2005 regarding the Department of Emergency Services and the collection and use of 911 fees

2:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Emergency Services, including the Division of State Radio and Division of Homeland Security, regarding:

- The current status of implementing audit recommendations included in the performance audit reports of the Department of Emergency Services and collection and use of 911 fees
- An overview of federal homeland security funding received and uses of the funding
- An update on the plan to distribute the $300,000 general fund appropriation for salary equity and pay grade adjustments for State Radio employees as provided in 2007 Senate Bill No. 2016

3:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the Department of Emergency Services

3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the committee's study of the Department of Emergency Services

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

3:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on other committee responsibilities, including:

- Monitor status of state agency and institution appropriations
- Approve any agreements between North Dakota and South Dakota

3:50 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities

4:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Todd Porter (Chairman), Randy Boehning, Mike Brandenburg, Ron Carlisle, Edmund Gruchalla, Pam Gulleson, James Kerzman, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Vonnie Pietsch, Clara Sue Price, Don Vigesaa

Senators Joan Heckaman, Ralph L. Kilzer, Gary A. Lee, Elroy N. Lindaas, John M. Warner