

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**GARRISON DIVERSION OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 17, 1998  
Commanding Officer's Quarters, Building No. 3  
Fort Totten State Historic Site  
Fort Totten, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Committee will convene at the Fort Totten State Historic Site for a tour of the areas impacted by Devils Lake flooding

11:30 a.m. Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of the December 11, 1997, and February 19, 1998, meetings

**GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT PROJECT**

1:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Joe Belford, Cochairman, Lake Emergency Management Committee, Devils Lake, concerning Devils Lake flooding and Devils Lake downstream issues and concerns

1:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District of a status report concerning the Garrison Diversion Unit Project; the fiscal year 1999 Garrison appropriation; review of the Dakota Water Resources Act; and an outlook for the September 29, 1998, Dakota Water Resources Act hearing

2:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. David Sprynczynatyk, State Engineer and Secretary, State Water Commission, of an update on Devils Lake flooding; the Garrison municipal, rural, and industrial water supply program; the Northwest Area Water Supply Project; the Southwest Pipeline Project; an update on the recent Missouri lawsuit against the United States Army Corps of Engineers, *Missouri v. Craig*; and information concerning development of a memorandum of understanding for use by the State Water Commission with local project sponsors, including loan repayment provisions

3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum concerning the statutory authority of the State Water Commission to implement the promised payment plan as envisioned by the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association

3:05 p.m. Comments by Mr. David Koland, Executive Director, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, concerning the promised payment plan

3:15 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of information from the Dakota's area office, Bureau of Reclamation, concerning Garrison Diversion Unit Project activity; the Garrison Diversion Unit fiscal 1999 appropriation; and information on current Bureau of Reclamation studies

**WATERSHED DISTRICTS STUDY**

3:20 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to maintaining watercourses, bridges, and low water crossings

- 3:25 p.m.        Comments by a representative of the State Water Commission concerning the bill draft
- 3:40 p.m.        Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the bill draft
- 4:15 p.m.        Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Pam Gulleson (Chairman), Merle Boucher, John Dorso, Eugene Nicholas, Alice Olson, Mike Timm  
Senators Aaron Krauter, Tim Mathern, Gary J. Nelson, David E. Nething, John T. Traynor, Terry M. Wanzek