

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

TAXATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday and Thursday, March 11-12, 1998
Brynhild Haugland Room and Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Wednesday, March 11, 1998 - Brynhild Haugland Room

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Minutes of December 16, 1997, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Review of contract and timetable for consultant study of tax and regulatory impact on the competitive position of the lignite industry
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by Tax Commissioner Rick Clayburgh of a briefing on the lawsuit challenging the validity of 1997 legislation imposing sales taxes on coal that has not been subjected to severance taxes
- 9:30 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the lignite industry study
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Tony Clark, Tax Department, of information on tax burden comparisons from the Tax Department *Red Book* publication
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Barry Hasti, Tax Department, regarding comparison of effective tax rates for property classifications in recent years
- 11:15 a.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the property tax relief study
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:15 p.m. Committee counsel review of 1997 House Bill No. 1318, allowing school districts to opt out of discretionary property tax exemptions granted by cities and counties
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Industrial Development Association regarding impact of property tax exemptions
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Greater North Dakota Association regarding impact of property tax exemptions
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota League of Cities regarding impact of property tax exemptions
- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Association of Builders regarding impact of property tax exemptions
- 2:20 p.m. Comments of interested persons in attendance
- 2:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee break

- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by committee counsel of a bill draft to create a category of unproductive agricultural property for assessment purposes
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties of information to quantify property tax abatements granted by counties in the Devils Lake Basin
- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by committee counsel of a bill draft to incorporate an index for production costs in the agricultural property valuation formula
- 3:50 p.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the study of agricultural property valuation and assessment of inundated lands
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, March 12, 1998 - Roughrider Room

- 9:00 a.m. Review by committee counsel of proposed 1997 legislation that would have affected the property exemption for charitable organizations
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by committee counsel of a review of tax treatment of charitable organizations under North Dakota law
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Chip Thomas, North Dakota Healthcare Association, regarding application of the property tax exemption for charitable organizations
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota League of Cities regarding application of the property tax exemption for charitable organizations
- 9:40 a.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance
- 9:45 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the committee's study of the property tax exemption for charitable organizations
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by committee counsel of a bill draft to eliminate Supreme Court considerations announced in the *Butts Feed Lot* decision from application of the farm buildings property tax exemption
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Wade Moser, North Dakota Stockmen's Association, regarding application of the farm buildings property tax exemption
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by committee counsel of a bill draft to make the farm buildings property tax exemption available to beginning farmers
- 10:50 a.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance
- 11:00 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the farm buildings property tax exemption study
- 11:30 a.m. Committee consideration of next meeting and other committee business
- 11:45 a.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Wesley R. Belter (Chairman), Grant C. Brown, Chris Christopherson, William E. Gorder, Mick Grosz, Ralph L. Kilzer, Kenneth Kroepflin, Edward H. Lloyd, Ronald Nichols, Alice Olson, Dennis J. Renner, Earl Rennerfeldt, Arlo E. Schmidt, Ben Tollefson
Senators Randel Christmann, Layton Freborg, Meyer Kinnoin, Ed Kringstad, Randy A. Schobinger, Vern Thompson, Herb Urlacher