

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### Tentative Agenda

### **BUDGET SECTION**

Thursday, March 9, 2000  
Senate Chamber, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of the December 9, 1999, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the state general fund
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of tobacco settlement proceeds
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. David Sprynczynatyk, State Engineer, on the status of the statewide water development program, the state water management plan, the issuance of bonds for various water projects, and the status of federal funding for state water projects
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the implementation of a grant preapproval process
- 10:25 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on state employee bonus programs used in other states and options to implement such a program in North Dakota
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dan LeRoy, Director, Central Personnel Division, on proposed standards that could be used by state agencies and institutions to distribute bonus payments to state employees
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on federal funds estimated to be received pursuant to 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168 and a request for authority to spend additional moneys in the government nursing facility funding pool and the health care trust fund, pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the status of funding for traditional Medicaid grants
- 1:15 p.m. Presentations by representatives of the North Dakota University System of the following:
- Request for approval to expand the Bismarck State College student union project, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 48-02-20
  - Request for approval to use local funds in excess of \$200,000 for the Bismarck State College music addition project, pursuant to Section 8 of 1999 House Bill No. 1003
  - Report on the boiler and steamline replacement projects at Mayville State University

2:00 p.m.

Consideration of the following state agency requests as authorized by the Emergency Commission:

- Job Service North Dakota (Request #1253) - To increase other funds spending authority by \$80,000 (\$10,000 for salaries and wages, \$70,000 for grants) for a grant from the Grand Forks Office of Urban Development for youth employment and education activities
- Job Service North Dakota (Request #1254) - To increase other funds spending authority by \$63,028 (\$7,958 for salaries and wages, \$2,663 for operating expenses, \$52,407 for grants) for a grant from the veterans' postwar trust fund to assist eligible veterans in obtaining employment
- Attorney General (Request #1256) - To increase other funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$197,714 for funds available from cost and fee recoveries relating to the tobacco settlement case to be used for additional local gaming enforcement grants
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1257) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$600,000 (\$116,388 for salaries and wages, \$63,612 for operating expenses, \$420,000 for grants) for a grant from the United States Department of Education to establish character education programs in schools
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1258) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the operating expenses line item by \$80,000 for a grant from the National Center for Education Statistics to contract for the development of an on-line reporting system to be used by schools to report data to the department
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1259) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$116,469 (\$14,550 for salaries and wages, \$96,919 for operating expenses, \$5,000 for equipment) for a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to assist certain school districts in transitioning to a new reporting system for free and reduced price meals
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1260) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$340,000 for a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide tutoring and extracurricular activities for refugee students, to provide training to educational personnel dealing with refugee students, and to establish a state advisory committee
- Tax Department (Request #1261) - To increase other funds spending authority and the motor fuels federal grant line item by \$100,000 for a grant from the Department of Transportation for fuel tax compliance programs and a dyed fuel enforcement program in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and the Highway Patrol
- State Historical Society (Request #1262) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the operating expenses line item by \$250,000 for a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for research and the cataloging of records relating to the Fort Buford state historic site
- Department of Human Services (Request #1265) - To increase federal and other funds spending authority and the grants - medical assistance line item of the economic assistance subdivision by \$24,628,405 for funds available from Medicaid funding (\$17,357,920) and a loan from the Bank of North Dakota (\$7,270,485) for making government nursing facility funding pool payments, pursuant to Section 4 of 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168

- Department of Human Services (Request #1266) - To increase federal and other funds spending authority and the salaries and wages line item of the economic assistance subdivision by \$219,160 for funds available from federal child support enforcement funding (\$144,645) and the department operating fund (\$74,515) to correct a shortage in salaries and wages funding and to provide funding for additional costs relating to the completion of the computerized fully automated child support enforcement system
- Department of Human Services (Request #1267) - To transfer \$2 million from the operating expenses line item of the program and policy subdivision to the Northwest Human Service Center (\$400,000), the Lake Region Human Service Center (\$400,000), the Northeast Human Service Center (\$400,000), the South Central Human Service Center (\$400,000), and the Badlands Human Service Center (\$400,000) to provide for services to severely emotionally disturbed children in each region
- Department of Human Services (Request #1268) - To transfer within the management and councils subdivision \$221,131 from operating expenses to salaries and wages (\$53,914) and grants (\$167,217) and to transfer within the economic assistance subdivision \$34,729 from operating expenses to salaries and wages to provide additional funding for temporary salaries for the Medicaid/TANF computer project and to allow certain counties to acquire new computers with the speed and capacity necessary to operate the system being developed
- Department of Human Services (Request #1269) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$426,000 (\$317,000 for operating expenses within the management and councils subdivision and \$109,000 for operating expenses within the program and policy subdivision) for a grant from the Social Security Administration for a computerized system to process disability claims
- Department of Human Services (Request #1270) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,200,000 (\$151,000 for salaries and wages, \$43,000 for operating expenses, and \$1,006,000 for grants) for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide counseling and assistance to persons living in areas included in the June 1999 presidential disaster declaration
- Division of Emergency Management (Request #1271) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$410,000 (\$50,000 for salaries and wages, \$35,000 for operating expenses, \$325,000 for grants) for a grant from the United States Department of Justice to enhance state and local capabilities to respond to domestic terrorism
- Adjutant General (Request #1272) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the capital improvements line item by \$500,000 for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to expand the Fraire Barracks Emergency Operations Center addition which was authorized by the 1999 Legislative Assembly **(Note: In addition to approval to spend the additional federal funds under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-16-04.1, the expansion of the building construction project will require Budget Section approval under NDCC Section 48-02-20.)**
- Parks and Recreation Department (Request #1273) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$1 million (\$500,000 for the natural resources program line item, \$500,000 for the recreation program line item) for grants from:

The National Park Service (\$400,000) for Phase II of the On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village project

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (\$100,000) for campground development costs relating to Devils Lake

The national recreation trails program (\$300,000) for increased funding available for the recreation program

The land and water conservation fund (\$200,000) for additional funding available for the recreation program

- Department of Agriculture (Request #1274) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the waterbank program line item by \$440,303 for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for waterbank program costs in the Devils Lake Basin and priority nonpoint watersheds
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1276) - To increase other funds spending authority and the operating expenses line item by \$600,000 for payments from local school districts for processed food costs billed to the department rather than individual districts in order to achieve lower costs

- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Budget Committee on Human Services on that committee's budget tour of the West Central Human Service Center
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Representatives Jack Dalrymple (Chairman), Ole Aarsvold, LeRoy G. Bernstein, James Boehm, Merle Boucher, Rex R. Byerly, Ron Carlisle, Al Carlson, Jeff Delzer, John Dorso, Pam Gulleson, Serenus Hoffner, Robert Huether, James Kerzman, Ed Lloyd, David Monson, Ronald Nichols, Jim Poolman, Ken Svedjan, Mike Timm, Ben Tollefson, Francis J. Wald, Janet Wentz

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