

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 2, 2002
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the January 24, 2002, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman
- OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BOARDS STUDY**
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Gary R. Thune, Special Assistant Attorney General, Board of Podiatric Medicine, regarding the fiscal status of the board, disciplinary activities of the board, and licensure activities of the board
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Douglas D. Schauer, Chairman, Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, regarding the fiscal status of the board, disciplinary activities of the board, and licensure activities of the board
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Kenneth Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer, State Board of Registration for Professional Soil Classifiers, regarding the fiscal status of the board, disciplinary activities of the board, and licensure activities of the board
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Jo Zschomler, Director, Division of Risk Management, Office of Management and Budget, regarding the possibility of the state's exposure to tort liability claims and lawsuits related to activities of small occupational and professional boards
- 10:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives
- 10:40 a.m. Coffee break
- WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS STUDY**
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Randy Schwartz, Director, Manufacturing Extension Program, Division of Economic Development and Finance, Department of Commerce, regarding the services offered through the program and the effectiveness of the program
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. James Hirsch, Director, Workforce Development Division, Department of Commerce, regarding possible gaps in the current workforce development system, single point of contact for the workforce development system, and recommended legislation
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Maren Daley, Director, Job Service North Dakota, regarding possible gaps in the current workforce development system and single point of contact for the workforce development system
- 12:00 noon Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives
- 12:10 p.m. Luncheon break

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING STUDY

- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Roger Johnson, Commissioner of Agriculture, regarding international marketing programs provided through the commissioner's office
- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Lee Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, regarding the presence of an international marketing component within the Department of Commerce
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives
- 2:50 p.m. Coffee break

BUSINESS PROGRAMS STUDY

- 3:00 p.m. Comments by Mr. Peterson regarding the effectiveness of economic development services offered through the Department of Commerce, creation of a state equity fund, and creation of a program to provide business startup funds
- 3:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Dean Reese, Chief Executive Officer, North Dakota Development Fund, Inc., and other representatives of the Department of Commerce regarding the effectiveness of state programs under which the department assists in economic development, current gaps in economic development services, and suggestions of how to increase business "deal flow"
- 4:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Steve Cochrane, Executive Director, Retirement and Investment Office, regarding areas in which the office has impacted economic development in the state
- 4:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives
- 4:40 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators John M. Andrist (Chairman), Duaine C. Espegard, Tony Grindberg, Joel C. Heitkamp, Karen K. Krebsbach, Deb Mathern, Duane Mutch, Carolyn Nelson, Rich Wardner
Representatives Rick Berg, Byron Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Glen Froseth, Pat Galvin, Scot Kelsh, Doug Lemieux, Bob Martinson, Bill Pietsch, Dale C. Severson, Blair Thoreson, Lonny Winrich