

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 26, 2002
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the May 2, 2002, meeting

9:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman

WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS STUDY

9:10 a.m. Presentation of the status of the four workforce training regions by:

- Mr. Eddie Dunn, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning, North Dakota University System, and Executive Director, College Technical Education Council
- Mr. Guy Moos, Chairman, Taskforce on Workforce Development and Training
- Representatives of client businesses
- Representative of the Economic Development Association of North Dakota
- Representative of the Department of Commerce
- Representative of colleges assigned primary responsibility for workforce training

10:40 a.m. Coffee break

10:55 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding the Department of Commerce retention of fees for on-line workforce services

11:00 a.m. Comments by Mr. James Hirsch, Director, Workforce Development Division, Department of Commerce, regarding the Department of Commerce retention of fees for the on-line workforce services bill draft and the status of workforce development in the state

11:10 a.m. Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives

OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BOARDS STUDY

11:25 a.m. Comments by Ms. Jo Zschomler, Director, Division of Risk Management, Office of Management and Budget, regarding participation by the smaller occupational and professional boards in the risk management fund

11:35 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding regulation of podiatrists by the State Board of Medical Examiners

11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives

12:00 noon Luncheon break

REPORTS

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Karen Tyler, Securities Commissioner, of the findings and recommendations resulting from the review of policies and procedures relating to access to capital for North Dakota companies
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Lawrence King, Vice President of Legal Services, Workers Compensation Bureau, of the safety audit of Roughrider Industries work programs and the performance audit of the modified workers' compensation coverage program
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Richard Gray, Renaissance Zone Manager, Division of Community Services, Department of Commerce, of the annual report on renaissance zone progress

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING STUDY

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Lee Peterson, Commissioner, and Ms. Linda Butts, Director, Division of Economic Development and Finance, Department of Commerce, of a unified strategic plan for international marketing
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives

BUSINESS PROGRAMS STUDY

- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jeff Hoffmann, Champion/REAP Alliance, of the Champion/REAP Alliance program
- 3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:15 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