

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**

Monday, April 15, 2002  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting

**VETERANS HOME STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of proposed bill drafts that would:

- Change Veterans Home admission requirements for veterans
- Change Veterans Home admission requirements for spouses and surviving spouses of veterans
- Allow service-connected compensation received by veterans to be used for the veterans' cost of care at the Veterans Home

9:20 a.m. Testimony by representatives of the Veterans Home regarding the proposed bill drafts, including the related estimated fiscal impacts

9:30 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs regarding the proposed bill drafts

9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Veterans Home of a status report on the Veterans Home 2001-03 biennium budget and operations, including:

- Actual expenditures to date as compared to projections
- Expenditures charged to the general fund, federal funds, and special funds
- Federal and other funds collections
- End-of-month balances available in federal funds and special funds
- Number of residents

10:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Auditor's office regarding the status of the performance audit of the Veterans Home

10:30 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the Veterans Home study and proposed bill drafts

**RACING COMMISSION STUDY**

10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a proposed bill draft relating to the deposit of select receipts of the Racing Commission

11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Racing Commission regarding the status of the Fargo race facility and comments regarding the proposed bill draft

11:15 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the proposed bill draft and the Racing Commission study

**HIGHWAY FUNDING STUDY**

- 11:30 a.m. Comments by supporters for improving North Dakota Highway 30
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Transportation on the status of the development of a strategic transportation plan, status of highway tax distribution fund revenues, and on recommendations for increasing transportation-related revenues
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by representatives of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding recommendations for increasing transportation-related revenues
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by representatives of the North Dakota League of Cities regarding recommendations for increasing transportation-related revenues
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the highway funding study
- 2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Senators Tim Mathern (Chairman), John M. Andrist, Dave Nething, David O'Connell, Tom Trenbeath  
Representatives Larry Bellew, Curtis E. Brekke, Rex R. Byerly, Bruce Eckre, Rod Froelich, Kathy Hawken, Keith Kempenich, William E. Kretschmar, Andrew G. Maragos, Lisa Meier, Laurel Thoreson, Elwood Thorpe, Dave Weiler