

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday, September 12, 2001

Veterans Home

Lisbon, 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 representatives of the Veterans Home regarding:
- The organizational and management structure of the Veterans Home
 - The status of its current budget, including projected quarterly expenditures for the 2001-03 biennium and actual expenditures to date
 - Employees by program, including vacancies, turnover rates, and recruitment and retention efforts
 - A history of licensed beds and number of residents in the basic care unit and the skilled nursing care unit, lengths of stay, and vacant beds
 - Programs and services provided to residents of the basic care unit and to residents of the skilled nursing care unit
 - The status of 2001-03 biennium capital improvement projects and anticipated capital improvement needs for the 2003-05 biennium
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs regarding:
- Methods used by the administrative committee to oversee and supervise the Veterans Home
 - The process used by the administrative committee to biennially select the commandant of the Veterans Home as provided in North Dakota Century Code Section 37-18.1-03
 - Information gathered on other states' veterans homes
 - The current and projected future basic care and skilled nursing care needs of veterans in North Dakota
 - Any proposed statutory changes relating to the management structure and oversight of the Veterans Home or the selection process for the commandant
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Veterans Home on its process for determining whether expenditures are charged to the general fund, federal funds, or other funds including:
- The sources of funds available to the basic care unit and skilled nursing care unit
 - Federal Veterans Administration per diem rates for residents of the home, medical assistance payment rates for the home, resident fees charged, and other collections

- A schedule showing monthly expenditures by funding source for the 1999-2001 biennium, monthly operating fund balances, and general fund and federal funds available by month
- Cash flow projection by funding source for the 2001-03 biennium

- 11:15 a.m. Distribution of the State Auditor's plan for conducting the performance audit of the Veterans Home
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the Veterans Home study
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon recess

BUDGET TOUR

- 12:30 p.m. Tour of the Veterans Home

RACING COMMISSION STUDY

- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Racing Commission regarding its duties and responsibilities and suggested statutory changes relating to the uses of racing-related special funds
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the Racing Commission study

HIGHWAY FUNDING STUDY

- 2:30 p.m. Comments by county representatives regarding county road construction and maintenance funding, including revenue sources and recommended changes to distribution formulas for the state, cities, and counties
- 3:00 p.m. Comments by city representatives regarding funding for street repair and construction, including revenue sources and recommended changes to distribution formulas for the state, cities, and counties
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study of highway funding
- 3:45 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