MEETING NOTICE

Representative George Keiser, Chairman, has called a meeting of the **COMMERCE COMMITTEE**.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Roughrider Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

Agenda: Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum and committee discussion and comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of consumer protection in regard to contractor competency and out-of-state contractors licensed in the state; and presentations, committee discussion, and comments by interested persons regarding the committee's studies of the state's unemployment compensation system, including reserve guidelines for the unemployment trust fund, the system for ratesetting, treatment of positive balance and negative balance employers, and the feasibility and desirability of creating an unemployment compensation board and of the impact of pending federal legislation that would significantly change the respective federal-state responsibilities and funding for workforce development, workforce training, public labor exchange, and unemployment insurance programs

Special Note: Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and needs assistance because of a disability should contact the Legislative Council staff as soon as possible.

Committee Members: Representatives George Keiser, Donald L. Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Mary Ekstrom, Pat Galvin, Eliot Glassheim, Ron Iverson, Kim Koppelman, Mary K. Nester, Jo Ann Rodenbiker, Dan J. Ruby, Arlo E. Schmidt; Senators Dick Dever, April Fairfield, Tim Flakoll, Karen K. Krebsbach

Staff Contact: John Bjornson, Counsel

Any member who is unable to attend this meeting is asked to please notify this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John D. Olsrud Director

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