

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 2, 2003
Conference Room, Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center
United Tribes Technical College
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of September 17, 2003, meeting
Comments by committee chairman

9:05 a.m. Welcome to United Tribes Technical College

PRIMARY SECTOR BUSINESS STUDY
Primary Sector Business Congress

9:10 a.m. Committee discussion and comments by interested persons regarding creation of a primary sector business congress

9:40 a.m. Committee directives

9:45 a.m. Coffee break

Primary Sector Business

10:00 a.m. Comments by Ms. Linda Butts, Director, Economic Development and Finance Division, Department of Commerce; Mr. Cory Finneman, Vice President of Research, Division of Economic Development and Finance, Department of Commerce; and Mr. Greg Wald, Communication and Marketing Manager, Job Service North Dakota, regarding definitions of the term "primary sector business" and the economic impact of primary sector businesses on the state's economy

10:30 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

Business Climate Index

10:35 a.m. Comments by Mr. Dave Maclver, President, Greater North Dakota Association, regarding creation of a primary sector business climate index

10:50 a.m. Comments by Mr. Cory Finneman; Mr. John Halvorson, Vice President of Strategic Operations, Workforce Safety and Insurance; Mr. Greg Wald; a representative of the Tax Commissioner's office, and interested persons regarding existing business climate indexes and creation of a primary sector business climate index

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

Indian Tribe Business Partnerships

1:00 p.m. Presentations by Mr. Tex Hall, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation; Mr. J. C. Crawford, Chairman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; Mr. Valentino White, Chairman, Spirit Lake Nation; and Mr. Charles Murphy, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, regarding methods of creating business partnerships with North Dakota Indian tribes in order to secure more Small Business Administration 8(a) contracts

- 3:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding methods of creating business partnerships with North Dakota Indian tribes in order to secure more Small Business Administration 8(a) contracts
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Rick Berg (Chairman), Tracy Boe, Byron Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Mary Ekstrom, Glen Froseth, Nancy Johnson, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Eugene Nicholas, Kenton Onstad, Ken Svedjan
Senators Dick Dever, Duaine C. Espegard, Tony S. Grindberg, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor