

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday and Thursday, April 19-20, 2006

State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

**BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Brynhild Haugland Room** (Committee members and participants who received invitations are asked to sit at tables in the center of the room. Members of the public are asked to sit on chairs lining the perimeter and back of the room.)

**Business Congress**

- 9:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Welcome and opening remarks by Representative Rick Berg, Committee Chairman
- 9:35 a.m. Welcome and comments by Governor John Hoeven
- 9:50 a.m. Welcome and comments by Mr. Shane C. Goettle, Commissioner, Department of Commerce
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by committee consultants, Mr. Miles Friedman, Miles Friedman and Partners, Manassas, Virginia, and Mr. Rod Backman, Covenant Consulting Group, Bismarck, regarding:
- Overview of business climate study process
  - Results of focus groups, including the five key issues identified
  - Proposed actions to address the five key issues identified from the focus groups' activities
- 11:00 a.m. Break and transition to small group assigned rooms

**Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Roughrider, Harvest, and Sakakawea Rooms** (Committee members and participants who received invitations will break into three small groups. Each small group will be assigned to meet in one of the three rooms. The activities of the small groups will include a working brown bag lunch. Members of the public may attend any or all of the small group meetings.)

- 11:15 a.m. Each of the small groups will receive facilitation assistance by Mr. Friedman, Mr. Backman, or Mr. Goettle. The committee members and participants who received invitations will:
- Review existing programs addressing the five key issues raised in the focus groups
  - Review proposed actions to address the five key issues
  - Consider proposed actions and whether additional actions should be proposed
  - Prioritize the proposed actions
  - Consider performance measures to track progress in prioritized proposed actions
- 1:30 p.m. Break and transition to Brynhild Haugland Room

**Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Brynhild Haugland Room** (Committee members and participants who received invitations are asked to sit at tables in the center of the room. Members of the public are asked to sit on chairs lining the perimeter and back of the room.)

- 2:00 p.m. Reports by Mr. Friedman, Mr. Backman, and Mr. Goettle regarding the activities and proposals of each of the three small groups
- 3:30 p.m. Discussion by committee members and invited participants of proposed actions  
Comments by interested persons regarding proposed actions  
Closing remarks by committee chairman
- 4:00 p.m. Recess

**Thursday, April 20, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Roughrider Room**

**COMMITTEE WORK**

- 8:30 a.m. Comments by committee chairman  
Approval of minutes of the February 7-8, 2006, meeting  
Comments by Mr. Friedman and Mr. Backman  
Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Rick Berg (Chairman), Dawn Marie Charging, Donald L. Clark, Donald D. Dietrich, Mark A. Dosch, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gulleon, Jim Kasper, Bob Martinson, Lisa Meier, Eugene Nicholas, Kenton Onstad, Dan J. Ruby, Elwood Thorpe, Clark Williams  
Senators April Fairfield, Nicholas P. Hacker, Duane Mutch, Randy A. Schobinger, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor, John M. Warner