

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of the April 19-20, 2006, meeting  
Comments by Representative Rick Berg, Committee Chairman

**BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY**

10:10 a.m. Presentation by committee consultant Mr. Rod Backman, Covenant Consulting Group, Bismarck, summarizing the key issues identified and the associated action items. Committee consultant Mr. Miles Friedman, Miles Friedman and Partners, Manassas, Virginia, will participate in the presentation via telephone.

10:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. James Burgum, Governor's office, regarding how some of the workforce needs in the state may be addressed through preparation of students of institutions of higher education for jobs in the state through internships and other creative partnerships between institutions of higher education and businesses

11:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Don Roloff, Department of Career and Technical Education, regarding how some of the workforce needs in the state may be addressed through preparation of kindergarten through grade 12 students for jobs through creation of a program aimed at promoting partnerships between schools and local businesses and through providing early career counseling and education

11:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota regarding how some of the workforce needs in the state may be addressed through new or existing workforce programs and through addressing the population of unemployed workers

12:20 p.m. Luncheon recess

1:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the three legislative action items raised to address some of the workforce needs in the state  
Comments by interested persons  
Committee directives

3:20 p.m. Comments by the committee chairman

3:30 p.m. 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