

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 17, 2007  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Review of the Legislative Council rules of operation and procedure
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by committee chairman regarding the activities of the committee
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding tribal and state relations
- 9:15 a.m. Comments by Ms. Cheryl Kulas, Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, concerning emerging issues relating to tribal and state relations
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN INDIAN COUNTRY**
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Nathan Berseth, Director, American Indian Business Development Office, Department of Commerce, Fargo, concerning the American Indian Business Development Office and economic development initiatives in Indian country
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bob Humann, Senior Vice President of Lending, Bank of North Dakota, concerning the tribal-state loan guaranty program and economic development initiatives in Indian country
- 10:00 a.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning economic development initiatives in Indian country
- TAXATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY**
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dan Rouse, Legal Counsel, Tax Commissioner's office, concerning tribal fuel tax agreements
- 10:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. Ryan Bernstein, Legal Counsel, Governor's office, concerning the tribal fuel tax agreement with the Three Affiliated Tribes and negotiations with the Three Affiliated Tribes relating to taxation and regulation of oil and gas exploration and production within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation
- TRIBAL-STATE NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES**
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bernstein concerning the taking of mountain lions on the Fort Berthold Reservation after closure of the state mountain lion season
- 10:50 a.m. Break
- INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES**
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Michel Hillman, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, North Dakota University System, concerning grant assistance payments to tribally controlled community colleges
- WATER ISSUES**
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Todd Sando, Assistant State Engineer, State Water Commission, concerning implementation of the tribal emergency drinking water program
- COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning issues discussed during the morning session

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mike R. Schwindt, Director, Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Services, concerning child support enforcement in Indian country

**GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

1:30 p.m. Discussion by committee members, members of the Native American Tribal Citizens' Task Force, and other interested persons in attendance concerning government-to-government relations

2:15 p.m. Staff directives

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Merle Boucher (Chairman), Dawn Marie Charging, Duane L. DeKrey  
Senators Stanley W. Lyson, Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke