

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the November 13-14, 2013, meeting

**STUDY OF FACILITY NEEDS OF STATE AGENCIES IN BISMARCK AREA**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Facility Management Division, Office of Management and Budget, regarding:

- The current utilization of the facilities on the State Capitol grounds;
- The current Capitol complex master plan;
- Other state-owned buildings in the Bismarck-Mandan area;
- A detailed listing of the number of square feet of state-owned and state-leased office space being used by state agencies in the Bismarck-Mandan area;
- A listing of the number of square feet per full-time equivalent (FTE) position by state agency; and
- The plan for judicial wing space being vacated by the Information Technology Department

10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Supreme Court regarding the total space needs of the court system in the judicial wing

10:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of facility needs of state agencies in the Bismarck area

10:45 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of facility needs of state agencies in the Bismarck area

**STUDY OF CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS  
AVAILABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS**

11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding:

- A summary of current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans;
- Benefits available to assist in the handling of deceased veterans' remains;
- Utilization of state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans;
- An update on the status of the service dog training program; and
- An update on the status of the Agent Orange grant program

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Administrative Committee on Veterans' Affairs regarding potential legislation related to veterans' benefits

- 1:35 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the NDCares Task Force Supporting Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families and Survivors regarding:
- An update on the activities of the task force; and
  - The Interservice Family Assistance Committee
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Tax Department regarding state income tax and property tax benefits available to North Dakota veterans and usage of the programs by veterans
- 2:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans
- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Committee Members**

Senators: Ronald Sorvaag (Chairman), Ron Carlisle, Richard Marcellais, David O'Connell  
Representatives: Roger Brabandt, Glen Froseth, Ed Gruchalla, Rick Holman, Karen Karls, George J. Keiser, Curtiss Kreun, Scott Louser, Gail Mooney, Chet Pollert, Vicky Steiner, Alon Wieland

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