# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Tentative Agenda** 

# TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, June 30, 2008 Room 801, Prairie Knights Casino and Resort, 7932 Highway 24 Fort Yates, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
- (CST) Roll call Consideration of the minutes of the May 19, 2008, meeting

## TRIBAL-STATE NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES

- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Roger Rostvet, Deputy Director, Game and Fish Department, concerning efforts to identify and mark hazards in Lake Sakakawea
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Lynn Helms, Director, Department of Mineral Resources, concerning the production of oil and gas from the Bakken Formation, including information on the geology of the Bakken Formation, the engineering of horizontal drilling, and the estimated recoverable reserves of the Bakken Formation
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Ryan Bernstein, Legal Counsel, Governor's office, concerning the oil and gas tax agreement between the Three Affiliated Tribes and the state of North Dakota
- 10:10 a.m. Break

## **TAXATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

10:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum prepared by Tax Commissioner Cory Fong concerning state and tribal motor vehicle fuels tax agreements and motor vehicle fuels tax refunds for tribal members

## TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

- 10:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Transportation concerning the feasibility of the department entering into agreements between the state and Indian tribes for state maintenance of roads in Indian country
- 10:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning transportation issues in Indian country

## CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Mike R. Schwindt, Director, Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Services, concerning child support enforcement in Indian country

#### **INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the members and the powers and duties of the Indian Affairs Commission
- 11:40 a.m. Comments by Ms. Cheryl Kulas, Executive Director, Indian Affairs Commission, concerning the bill draft and the structure, responsibilities, and funding of the Indian Affairs Commission
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the bill draft and the Indian Affairs Commission
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

## **INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES**

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of information relating to financial assistance to tribally controlled community colleges
- 1:10 p.m. Presentation by the following individuals concerning licensure of North Dakota American Indian language instructors:
  - Dr. Kathy Froelich, Division of Education Chair, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates
  - Ms. Sacheen White Tail Cross, Tribal Education Manager, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates
  - Mr. Michael Moore, Chair of Native Studies, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning Indian education issues

#### **GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

- 2:00 p.m. Discussion by committee members, members of the Native American Tribal Citizens' Task Force, and other interested persons in attendance concerning government-togovernment relations
- 2:45 p.m. Staff directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**