

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Tentative Agenda

### **COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, April 21, 1998  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of the January 22, 1998, meeting
- 8:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Economic Development and Finance regarding economic development programs administered by the department including the Development Fund, Technology Transfer, Inc., and the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Bank of North Dakota regarding economic development loan programs administered by the Bank of North Dakota
- 11:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. Pat Traynor, Workers Compensation Bureau, regarding proposed 1998 workers' compensation rates, an overview of legislative proposals, and an update on the independent performance audit
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Job Service North Dakota regarding administrative changes, statutory changes, and changes in the unemployment insurance tax structure that may be proposed by Job Service for consideration by the 1999 Legislative Assembly
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of affordable housing in the state
- 2:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding problems experienced by North Dakota barley producers as a result of measurement of vomitoxin levels
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### Committee Members

Senators Duane Mutch (Chairman), Meyer Kinnoin, David O'Connell, Harvey Sand, Herb Urlacher  
Representatives Jack Dalrymple, Glen Froseth, Pat Galvin, Lyle L. Hanson, Dennis Johnson,  
George Keiser, John Mahoney, Eugene Nicholas, Jim Poolman, Earl Rennerfeldt, Arlo E.  
Schmidt, Lynn J. Thompson