

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday and Thursday, October 29-30, 1997
Senate Chamber and Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Wednesday, October 29, 1997 - Senate Chamber

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call

9:05 a.m. Comments by Senator Jim Yockim, Chairman, Welfare Reform Committee;
Representative Bill Oban, Chairman, Budget Committee on Long-Term Care;
and Senator Tim Mathern, Chairman, Budget Committee on Human Services

MAJOR RELATED STUDY ISSUES

Welfare Reform Committee - Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4030 - Study of state and tribal relations regarding welfare reform

Budget Committee on Long-Term Care - House Concurrent Resolution No. 3005 - Indian long-term care needs and access to appropriate services

Budget Committee on Human Services - House Concurrent Resolution No. 3042 - Study of the Department of Human Services

9:20 a.m. Introductory comments by Ms. Deborah Painte, Executive Director, Indian Affairs Commission, regarding the committees' studies and introduction of tribal representatives

WELFARE REFORM ISSUES

9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the following tribal welfare reform issues, including any recommendations the department may have at this time:

- Recent congressional changes, including those in the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1997
- The state's implementation options for the welfare-to-work program and the related potential effect on tribal welfare reform efforts
- Tribal welfare reform program options, including information on the advantages and disadvantages of any options
- Tribal direct service provision versus a contractual relationship with the Department of Human Services
- State matching of tribal temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) funding
- Program coordination, replication of services, automation and data collection, and quality control issues
- Employment opportunities, work participation rate requirements, and benefit time limitations

- 9:50 a.m. Committee questions and discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Comments by Mr. John Bushman, Acting Director of the Division of Tribal Services, United States Department of Health and Human Services, regarding state and tribal welfare reform issues, including:
- Recent congressional or Department of Health and Human Services changes impacting tribal welfare reform
 - Tribal welfare reform program options, including tribal and state benefits
 - The status of tribal welfare reform programs in other states
 - Tribal direct service provision versus a contractual relationship with the Department of Human Services
 - State matching of tribal TANF funding
 - Program coordination, replication of services, automation and data collection, and quality control issues
 - Employment opportunities, work participation rate requirements, and benefit time limitations
- 10:45 a.m. Committee questions and discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of tribal governments regarding tribal welfare reform issues, including:
- Tribal welfare reform program options
 - Tribal direct service provision versus a contractual relationship with the Department of Human Services
 - State matching of tribal TANF funding
 - Program coordination, replication of services, automation and data collection, and quality control issues
 - Employment opportunities, work participation rate requirements, and benefit time limitations
- 11:40 a.m. Committee questions and discussion
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding tribal welfare reform issues
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess
- LONG-TERM CARE ISSUES**
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on long-term care, basic care, and home and community-based services available on North Dakota Indian reservations; alternative service options available for American Indians within the state; and any recommendations the department may have at this time to meet the future long-term care service needs of American Indians
- 1:50 p.m. Committee questions and discussion
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by representatives of tribal governments on the adequacy of long-term care, basic care, and home and community-based services for

American Indians in North Dakota and on recommendations to meet the future long-term care service needs of American Indians in North Dakota

2:50 p.m. Committee questions and discussion

3:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding American Indian long-term care needs in North Dakota

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STUDY ISSUES

3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the relationship of the state office and the human service centers with tribal governments and any suggestions to improve that relationship

3:50 p.m. Committee questions and discussion

4:00 p.m. Comments by representatives of tribal governments regarding the relationship with the state office of the Department of Human Services and the human service centers and county social services and any suggestions to improve that relationship

4:45 p.m. Committee questions and discussion

5:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the relationship between tribal governments and the Department of Human Services

5:15 p.m. Recess

Thursday, October 30, 1997 - Roughrider Room

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STUDY

9:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Public Administration Service regarding the study of the organizational structure of the Department of Human Services

10:30 a.m. Committee discussion and comments regarding the consultant's study of the Department of Human Services

11:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the consultant's study of the department

11:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding estimated timelines for implementing the changes suggested by Dr. Dawes which have not yet been implemented and the reasons for departmental caseload reductions

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

STUDY OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

1:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the organizational structure of the Department of Human Services

2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services and county social service agencies of a status report on the task force reviewing the county and state responsibilities for children and family services, including a county staff time study, the identification of core and contractual services, and state and county financing and administrative responsibility under consideration

3:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the responsibilities of social service agencies

4:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the committee's studies
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Tim Mathern (Chairman), Bill L. Bowman, Tom Fischer, Jerome Kelsh, Judy Lee, Rod St. Aubyn, Russell T. Thane
Representatives Leonard J. Jacobs, Roxanne Jensen, Connie Johnsen, James A. Kerzman, Clara Sue Price, Wanda Rose, Ken Svedjan, Gerald O. Sveen, Janet Wentz