

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Monday and Tuesday, October 27-28, 1997  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**Monday, October 27, 1997**

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of July 17, 1997, meeting

**COURT UNIFICATION AND FUNDING OF CLERK OF COURT STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle, Supreme Court, concerning the state funding of clerks of court and court unification study

9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. John Olson, Attorney, Bismarck, concerning the discrimination in North Dakota study (remainder of testimony for this study is scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m.)

9:40 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Kay Braget, Pembina County Clerk of Court, concerning the state funding of clerks of court and court unification study

10:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons concerning the clerks of court and court unification study

10:20 a.m. Committee discussion

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

**CHARITABLE GAMING STUDY**

10:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Peter Ressler, American Foundation for Wildlife, concerning charitable gaming sites and related issues

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Sheila Heil, Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation, concerning charitable gaming sites and related issues

11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Rick Stenseth, Fargo/Moorhead Community Theater, concerning charitable gaming sites and related issues

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Keith Lauer, Gaming Division, Attorney General's office, regarding:

- Number of organizations that have suspended gaming over the past five years and reasons for the suspension
- The profits of organizations of various sizes
- Trends in the gaming industry, including data on the number of licenses issued, the number of organizations currently operating, the reasons for the closing of sites, and the costs incurred by a charity to set up a gaming site
- A comparison of the gaming tax rates of North Dakota with other states

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of presentation by Mr. Lauer  
 1:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the charitable gaming study  
 2:00 p.m. Committee discussion

### **DISCRIMINATION IN NORTH DAKOTA STUDY**

- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Carole Barrett, North Dakota Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, concerning the discrimination study and the September 24, 1997, meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee  
 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Holly Marion, Director, Grand Forks Office of Community Relations, concerning the discrimination in North Dakota study  
 3:15 p.m. Coffee break  
 3:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Larry Spain, Legal Aid Association, Grand Forks, concerning the study  
 3:50 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Sandi Tabor, Executive Director, State Bar Association, concerning the findings of the Commission on Gender Fairness in the Courts  
 4:10 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Frankie Kartch, North Dakota Small Business Survival Committee, concerning the discrimination in North Dakota study  
 4:30 p.m. Recess

### **Tuesday, October 28, 1997**

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Deborah Painte, Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, representing Governor Edward T. Schafer, concerning the discrimination in North Dakota study  
 9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Russell Mason, Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town, concerning the study  
 9:40 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Joy Johnston, Greater North Dakota Association, concerning the study  
 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Pam Bean, North Dakota Fair Housing Council, concerning the study  
 10:20 a.m. Coffee break  
 10:35 a.m. Comments by other interested persons concerning the discrimination study  
 11:00 a.m. Committee discussion

### **OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jay E. Buringrud, Secretary, Commission on Uniform State Laws, regarding the recommendations of the commission for the enactment of uniform laws  
 11:25 a.m. Comments by interested persons  
 11:35 a.m. Committee discussion  
 12:00 noon Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Senators Wayne Stenehjem (Chairman), Marv Mutzenberger, Carolyn Nelson, Rolland W. Redlin, John T. Traynor, Darlene Watne  
Representatives Charles Axtman, Duane L. DeKrey, Lois Delmore, G. Jane Gunter, Kathy Hawken, Roxanne Jensen, Scot Kelsh, William E. Kretschmar, Andrew G. Maragos, Shirley Meyer, Paul Murphy, Darrell D. Nottestad, Leland Sabby, Allan Stenehjem, Gerald O. Sveen