

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE**

Monday and Tuesday, May 8-9, 2000  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**Monday, May 8, 2000**

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of February 28-29, 2000, meeting  
Comments by Chairman Glassheim

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY**

**Privatization and Consolidation of Economic Development Services**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Miles Friedman, Executive Officer, and Ms. Nancy McCrea, Project Manager, National Association of State Development Agencies, regarding privatization and consolidation of economic development services

- Review of economic development service providers within the state
- Discussion of possible changes to the state's economic development delivery system

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**North Dakota Demographics**

1:00 p.m. Comments by Dr. Richard Rathge, Director, North Dakota State University Data Center, regarding the state's demographic trends in relation to economic development in the state

**Venture Capital**

1:45 p.m. Comments by Mr. Syver Vinje, Securities Commissioner, regarding venture capital investment opportunities within the state

2:30 p.m. Coffee break

**Workforce Development Council**

2:45 p.m. Comments by Mr. Fraine Zeitler, Director, North Dakota Workforce Development Council, regarding the status of the council's activities

**Regional Economic Development**

3:35 p.m. Comments by Mr. Rod Landblom, Executive Director, Roosevelt Custer Regional Council for Development, regarding the council's economic development role and activity

3:50 p.m. Comments by Mr. Paul Lucy, President, Economic Development Associations of North Dakota, regarding the organization's economic role and activity

4:05 p.m. Recess

**Tuesday, May 9, 2000**

**Information Technology**

9:00 a.m. Comments by Mr. Curtis L. Wolfe, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department, regarding information technology connectivity across the state

**Education**

10:00 a.m. Comments by Senator Tony Grindberg regarding the status of the Economic Development Connection Task Force of the Higher Education Committee

10:15 a.m. Coffee break

**HERITAGE TOURISM STUDY**

10:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. Tracy Potter, Executive Director, Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation, regarding heritage tourism

10:55 a.m. Comments by Mr. Doug Prchal, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, regarding heritage tourism

11:20 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding heritage tourism

11:40 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the heritage tourism study

11:50 a.m. Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Committee discussion and directives focusing on key elements of the economic development study

2:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Eliot Glassheim (Chairman), Rick Berg, Curtis E. Brekke, Byron Clark, Glen Froseth, William E. Gorder, Howard Grumbo, Nancy Johnson, George J. Keiser, Lawrence R. Klemin, Amy N. Kliniske, Dale C. Severson, Dorvan Solberg, Elwood Thorpe  
Senators Tony Grindberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Deb Mathern, Duane Mutch, Harvey Sand, Harvey D. Tallackson, Vern Thompson