

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 19, 2004
Auditorium, 15 Main Street South
Garrison, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the December 3, 2003, meeting

COAL MINE RECLAMATION AND PERFORMANCE BOND STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum relating to the legislative history of the coal mining exception to the corporate farming law

9:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. James R. Deutsch, Director, Reclamation Division, Public Service Commission, concerning:

- Federal Office of Surface Mining annual evaluation report of the North Dakota coal regulatory program
- Memorandum relating to draft policies on bond release issues and side-by-side comparison of federal and state provisions that pertain to bond release

9:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to notice of release of surface coal mining performance bonds

9:50 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Public Service Commission concerning the bill draft

10:05 a.m. Comments by other interested persons concerning the bill draft

10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to release of surface mining and reclamation performance bonds

10:35 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Dakota Resource Council concerning the bill draft

10:50 a.m. Comments by Mr. John W. Dwyer, President, Lignite Energy Council, concerning the bill draft

11:05 a.m. Comments by other interested persons concerning the bill draft

11:30 a.m. Comments by other interested persons concerning the study

11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

12:00 noon Adjourn

NOTE: The committee will conduct a tour of Fort Stevenson State Park, Fort Stevenson Marina, Garrison Bay, and deTrobriand Bay beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members

Representatives John Warner (Chairman), Arden C. Anderson, LeRoy G. Bernstein, Tracy Boe, Glen Froseth, Lyle Hanson, Gil Herbel, Scot Kelsh, Darrell D. Nottestad, Todd Porter, Dorvan Solberg
Senators Bill L. Bowman, Robert S. Erbele, Ronald Nichols, Michael Polovitz