

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 12, 2006  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of the November 17, 2005, meeting

**RESERVED WATER RIGHTS STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Clive J. Strong, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Idaho Attorney General's office, Boise, Idaho, concerning the negotiation and quantification of federal and Indian reserved water rights in Idaho and other western states

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the study

**ENERGY-INTENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY**

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Linda Butts, Director, Economic Development and Finance Division, Department of Commerce, of the *Coal Country Development Initiative* report and comments concerning the study of utilization of the state's abundant energy resources to attract energy-intensive economic development projects to the state

11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dennis Boyd, Senior Governmental Affairs Representative, Public Affairs Department, MDU Resources Group, Inc., and Mr. Kevin Magstadt, Community and Economic Development Manager, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, concerning incentives provided by Montana-Dakota Utilities Company to bring energy-intensive businesses into the state

11:25 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Curtis Jabs, Senior Legislative Representative, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, concerning incentives provided by the state's generation and transmission cooperatives and rural electric cooperatives to bring energy-intensive businesses into the state

11:35 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Karlene Fine, Executive Director, Industrial Commission, concerning implementation of the transmission authority legislation enacted by the 2005 Legislative Assembly

11:50 a.m. Comments by Mr. Ron Ness, President, North Dakota Petroleum Council, concerning pipeline capacity constraints in the petroleum industry

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Comments by Mr. Robert Harms, Northern Alliance of Independent Producers, concerning the study of utilization of the state's abundant energy resources to attract energy-intensive economic development projects to the state

1:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the study

**ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND NOXIOUS WEEDS**

- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jeff Olson, Program Manager, Plant Industries Division, Department of Agriculture, concerning notifications and requests for assistance by individuals who believe local weed boards have not eradicated or controlled noxious weeds satisfactorily and the future of North Dakota's endangered species protection program
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the committee's studies
- 3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Chet Pollert (Chairman), LeRoy G. Bernstein, Michael D. Brandenburg, Tom Brusegaard, Chuck Damschen, Rod Froelich, Lyle Hanson, Craig Headland, Scot Kelsh, Keith Kempenich, Joyce Kingsbury, Matthew M. Klein, Jon O. Nelson, Eugene Nicholas, Mike Norland, Dorvan Solberg, Gerald Uglem  
Senators Bill L. Bowman, Joel C. Heitkamp, Stanley W. Lyson, David O'Connell, Herb Urlacher