

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 21, 2006
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the August 3, 2006, meeting

GRAIN QUALITY ISSUES AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Ken Grafton, Dean, College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, North Dakota State University, and Director, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, Fargo, concerning grain quality issues, the impact of the current drought on North Dakota agriculture, and budget issues concerning the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources

GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT

- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. David Koland, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, of an overview of the Garrison Diversion Project and related matters

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee break

RAIL RATE CASE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES

- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Tony Clark, President, Public Service Commission, of information concerning the rail rate case and efforts to amend the city of Fargo and the city of Grand Forks home rule charters to provide that 20 percent of each city's electricity comes from renewable sources by 2020 and 30 percent of each city's electricity comes from renewable sources by 2030

RESERVED WATER RIGHTS STUDY

- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft to authorize the Governor to negotiate reserved water rights of the United States and federally recognized Indian tribes
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Engineer's office concerning the bill draft and fiscal impact of the bill draft
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Duane Houdek, Counsel, Governor's office, concerning authority of the Governor to negotiate reserved water rights of the United States and federally recognized Indian tribes
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Charles M. Carvell, Assistant Attorney General, and Director, Natural Resources and Indian Affairs Division, Attorney General's office, concerning authority of the Governor to negotiate reserved water rights of the United States and federally recognized Indian tribes
- 11:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the bill draft and the process to negotiate and quantify reserved water rights
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Continued discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the bill draft and the process to negotiate and quantify reserved water rights

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
2:15 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