

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 21, 2005
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Dave Smette, Jamestown Public Schools Superintendent, regarding education funding
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jerry Coleman, Department of Public Instruction, regarding the growth rate of education funding expenditures and additional state funding requirements to reach the 70 percent level of state funding for 2007-09 education expenditures
- 10:45 a.m. Presentations by Tax Department representatives
- Introductory remarks by Tax Commissioner Cory Fong
- Marcy Dickerson, State Supervisor of Assessments, and Sara Hewson, Property Tax Specialist, regarding the following issues:
- Political subdivision shares of increased property tax collections for the past 20 years
 - Factors involved in residential property tax increases
 - Actual property tax increases and assessments on selected agricultural, residential, and commercial property parcels since 1993
 - Available data on the increase in the number of commercial and residential property parcels
 - Share of property taxes paid by nonresidents
 - Percentage of agricultural land owned by nonresidents
 - Fiscal effect of limitation of annual property taxes to no more than 1.5 percent of true and full value of property
 - Available information on property tax value lost due to existence of property tax exemptions
- Kathy Strombeck, Research Analyst, regarding the following issues:
- Inflation-adjusted data comparison of income, sales, and property taxes over the past 30 years
 - Information on the share of sales and income taxes paid by nonresidents
 - Property, individual income, and sales tax collections historical data through 2004
- Gary Anderson, Director of Income, Sales and Special Taxes Division, regarding the following issues:
- Sales and use tax revenue estimates if North Dakota's tax base were broadened to match South Dakota's tax base

- Sales tax exemption revenue loss estimates
- Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement participating retailers and estimated 2007-09 revenue enhancement

11:50 a.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of National Agricultural Statistics Service data on changes in farm sizes and the number of farms in North Dakota in recent years

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of information gathered by the committee and discussion of issues remaining to be addressed under the concept paper adopted by the committee

1:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding education funding and property tax study issues

2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the study of property tax levies in mills

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Herb Urlacher (Chairman), John M. Andrist, Dwight Cook, Michael A. Every, Harvey Tallackson, Ben Tollefson, Rich Wardner

Representatives Larry Bellew, Wesley R. Belter, Kari Conrad, David Drovdal, Pam Gulleon, C. B. Haas, Lyle Hanson, Craig Headland, Gil Herbel, Ronald A. Iverson, Phillip Mueller, Kenton Onstad, Mark S. Owens, Arlo E. Schmidt, Dave Weiler, Clark Williams, Dwight Wrangham