

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27, 2006
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Welcome and comments by the committee chairman
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to workers' compensation "false positive" heart and lung tests of firefighters and police officers
Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the period of appeal of a Workforce Safety and Insurance decision relating to the presumption for firefighters and police officers
Comments by representatives of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the two bill drafts
Comments by interested persons regarding the two bill drafts
Committee discussion and directives
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Sandy Blunt, Workforce Safety and Insurance, regarding the status and use of the excess funds resulting from the 2005 changes to the fund balance calculation requirements
Comments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives
- 10:00 a.m. Review of injured worker's workers' compensation claim:
 - Summary by Mr. Chuck Kocher, Workforce Safety and Insurance Office of Independent Review, of injured worker's claim
 - Presentation by Ms. Mary Bethke of her workers' compensation claim and issues
 - Testimony by Mr. Timothy Wahlin, Workforce Safety and Insurance, regarding injured worker's claim and issuesComments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Review of injured worker's workers' compensation claim:
 - Summary by Mr. Kocher of injured worker's claim
 - Presentation by Mr. Douglas Gronfur and by Mr. Daryl Gronfur, injured worker's representative, of Douglas Gronfur's workers' compensation claim and issues
 - Testimony by Mr. Wahlin regarding injured worker's claim and issuesComments by interested persons
Committee discussion and directives

4:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, April 27, 2006

8:30 a.m. Welcome and comments by the committee chairman

Approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2006, meeting

8:35 a.m. Presentations by the Legislative Council staff; Mr. Michael Ziesch, Job Service North Dakota; and Mr. John Halvorson, Workforce Safety and Insurance, regarding the calculation of the state's average weekly wage and how neighboring states calculate their average weekly wage for purposes of unemployment insurance and workers' compensation

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

8:55 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Wahlin regarding vehicle modifications for injured workers, the number of injured workers receiving benefits for vehicle modifications, and possible alternative methods of dealing with vehicle modifications

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

9:30 a.m. Review of injured worker's workers' compensation claim:

- Summary by Mr. Kocher of injured worker's claim
- Presentation by Mr. Troy Beckler of his workers' compensation claim and issues
- Testimony by Mr. Wahlin regarding injured worker's claim and issues

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Review of injured worker's workers' compensation claim:

- Summary by Mr. Kocher of injured worker's claim
- Presentation by Mr. Clarence Voight of his workers' compensation claim and issues
- Testimony by Mr. Wahlin regarding injured worker's claim and issues

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives George J. Keiser (Chairman), Bill Amerman, Nancy Johnson
Senators Duaine C. Espeland, Joel C. Heitkamp, Jerry Klein