

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, May 19, 2008
MHA Meeting Rooms, Four Bears Casino and Lodge
New Town, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the January 31, 2008, meeting
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN INDIAN COUNTRY**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Nathan Berseth, Director, North Dakota Native American Business Development Office, Department of Commerce, Fargo, of a progress report concerning the office and economic development initiatives in Indian country
- 9:20 a.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning economic development initiatives in Indian country
- TRIBAL-STATE NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES**
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Roger Rostvet, Deputy Director, Game and Fish Department, concerning a memorandum of understanding between the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the Three Affiliated Tribes - Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, concerning coordination of access to Lake Sakakawea and the promotion of cooperation on hunting and fishing issues on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation
- 9:50 a.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning tribal-state natural resource issues
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- TAXATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY**
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum prepared by Tax Commissioner Cory Fong concerning the status of relations between the state and tribes regarding motor vehicle fuels taxes and special fuels taxes
- 10:25 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Ryan Bernstein, Legal Counsel, Governor's office, concerning negotiations between the Governor and the Three Affiliated Tribes relating to taxation and regulation of oil and gas exploration and production within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation
- 10:35 a.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning taxation in Indian country
- INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the members and the powers and duties of the Indian Affairs Commission
- 11:00 a.m. Comments by Ms. Cheryl Kulas, Executive Director, Indian Affairs Commission, concerning the bill draft and the structure, responsibilities, and funding of the Indian Affairs Commission
- 11:15 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the bill draft and the Indian Affairs Commission

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Kulas of a draft consultation and coordination agreement and committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the agreement

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Robert Schafer, Principal, Trenton Schools, Trenton, concerning Indian education issues

1:30 p.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning 21st century learning centers

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

2:00 p.m. Discussion by committee members, members of the Native American Tribal Citizens' Task Force, and other interested persons in attendance concerning government-to-government relations

2:30 p.m. Staff directives

2:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Merle Boucher (Chairman), Duane L. DeKrey, Daryl Lies
Senators Stanley W. Lyson, Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke