

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, June 30, 2008
Room 801, Prairie Knights Casino and Resort, 7932 Highway 24
Fort Yates, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
(CST) Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the May 19, 2008, meeting

TRIBAL-STATE NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Roger Rostvet, Deputy Director, Game and Fish Department, concerning efforts to identify and mark hazards in Lake Sakakawea

9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Lynn Helms, Director, Department of Mineral Resources, concerning the production of oil and gas from the Bakken Formation, including information on the geology of the Bakken Formation, the engineering of horizontal drilling, and the estimated recoverable reserves of the Bakken Formation

9:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Ryan Bernstein, Legal Counsel, Governor's office, concerning the oil and gas tax agreement between the Three Affiliated Tribes and the state of North Dakota

10:10 a.m. Break

TAXATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

10:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum prepared by Tax Commissioner Cory Fong concerning state and tribal motor vehicle fuels tax agreements and motor vehicle fuels tax refunds for tribal members

TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

10:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Transportation concerning the feasibility of the department entering into agreements between the state and Indian tribes for state maintenance of roads in Indian country

10:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning transportation issues in Indian country

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Mike R. Schwindt, Director, Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Services, concerning child support enforcement in Indian country

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

11:30 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

11:40 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

11:50 a.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning the bill draft and the Indian Affairs Commission

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of information relating to financial assistance to tribally controlled community colleges
- 1:10 p.m. Presentation by the following individuals concerning licensure of North Dakota American Indian language instructors:
- Dr. Kathy Froelich, Division of Education Chair, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates
 - Ms. Sacheen White Tail Cross, Tribal Education Manager, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates
 - Mr. Michael Moore, Chair of Native Studies, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning Indian education issues

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
- 2:45 p.m. Staff directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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