

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 23, 2008
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the September 16-17 and 25-26, 2008, meetings
Comments by the chairman
- 8:05 a.m. Presentations by representatives of Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI) regarding:
- A status report on the WSI continuing jurisdiction project
 - The history, summary, and status of the changes resulting from 2005 House Bill No. 1171, relating to claim processing timelines
 - A status report on the WSI internal review of form letters and other correspondence to improve clarity
 - The history of the permanent partial impairment law
 - Overview of the WSI preferred worker program and steps WSI will be taking to increase the use and effectiveness of the program
 - Overview of WSI rehabilitation services, including job search requirements and the rehabilitation hierarchy
- Committee discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following bill drafts and resolution draft relating to coverage under the state's workers' compensation system:
- Rehabilitation services revision
 - Permanent partial impairment benefits for loss of vision
 - Coverage of preexisting conditions
 - Cost-of-living adjustments for temporary partial disability benefits
 - Continuation of benefits through the administrative hearing appeal process
 - Legislative Council study of feasibility of considering other disability program requirements in making WSI determinations
- Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill drafts and resolution draft
- Committee directives
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives George J. Keiser (Chairman), Bill Amerman, Donald D. Dietrich
Senators Nicholas P. Hacker, Richard Marcellais, Terry M. Wanzek