

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 2010
Sitting Bull College, 1341 92nd Street
Fort Yates, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the October 22, 2009, meeting

HATE CRIMES ISSUES

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to enhanced penalties for assault and criminal mischief involving a hate crime

9:10 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Prairie Rose, Chairperson, Fargo Human Rights Commission, Fargo, concerning the Fargo Human Rights Commission and hate crimes in North Dakota

HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION

9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Scott J. Davis, Executive Director, Indian Affairs Commission; Ms. Claudia Berg and Ms. Fern Swenson, State Historical Society of North Dakota; and Ms. Virginia Nelsen, Executive Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, concerning expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center

TRANSPORTATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

10:00 a.m. Appearance by Mr. Darcy Rosendahl, Deputy Director for Operations, Department of Transportation, concerning transportation issues in Indian country

INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES

10:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Davis concerning the number of schools with Indian students which are not meeting adequate yearly progress requirements and an update of the activities of the American Indian Language Preservation Committee

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 the calculation of interest on child support arrearages

INDIAN EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Laurie Sterioti Hammeren, Director, Human Resource Management Services, concerning the number of American Indians employed in state government and efforts by the state to recruit and retain American Indian employees

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

COMMISSION TO STUDY RACIAL AND ETHNIC BIAS IN THE COURTS

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Honorable Donovan J. Foughty, District Judge, Cochairman, and Mr. Michael Swallow, member, Commission to Study Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts, on the mission and activities of the commission

HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services concerning:

- The status of providing a single point of entry for tribes and tribal members to access human service programs

- The history of recent temporary assistance for needy families changes
- The disclosure of state psychological evaluations to tribal entities

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Bob Harms, Prairie Consulting Group, Bismarck, concerning economic development initiatives in Indian country

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

2:15 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), Kari L. Conrad, Jim Kasper, Don Vigesaa
Senators Stanley W. Lyson, Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke

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