

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the September 26, 2011, committee meeting

CORRECTIONS ISSUES

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Tom Erhardt, Deputy Director and Reentry Manager, Transitional Planning Services, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, concerning Indian corrections and transition services issues

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Mark Nelson, Safety Division Director, Department of Transportation, concerning transportation and traffic safety issues in Indian country

10:00 a.m. Break

INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES

10:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Robert V. Marthaller, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction, of a report on the progress of a study of Indian education issues related to governance, success models, and barriers that prevent schools and students from performing at high rates of student achievement and to develop criteria for grants to low-performing schools as required by 2011 House Bill No. 1049

10:45 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Patricia Walking Eagle concerning the Hess grant update and core curriculum and state testing relating to Indian students

HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Merl Paaverud, Superintendent, State Historical Society, concerning expansion of the Heritage Center

11:15 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Fern Swenson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, State Historical Society, concerning the Tribal Advisory Committee for the expansion exhibits and scheduled meetings with each of the state's tribes

INDIAN VETERANS

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Brenda Bergsrud, Women and Minority Veterans Coordinator, Department of Veterans' Affairs, concerning Indian veterans' services

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

TOURISM ISSUES

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Sara Otte Coleman, Director, Division of Tourism, Department of Commerce, concerning tourism initiatives in Indian country

COMMISSION TO STUDY RACIAL AND ETHNIC BIAS IN THE COURTS

1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Andrew Frank, staff, Commission to Study Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts, Supreme Court, concerning the activities of the commission

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION

2:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Jaclynn Davis Walette and Mr. Willard Yellow Bird Jr., Fargo Native American Commission, Fargo, concerning the role and mission of the commission

HOMELAND SECURITY

2:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Donald Ronsberg, Protective Security Advisor, North Dakota District Infrastructure Protection, United States Department of Homeland Security, concerning infrastructure protection

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

3:00 p.m. Discussion by committee members, members of the North Dakota Tribal Governments' Task Force, and other interested persons in attendance concerning government-to-government relations

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators David O'Connell (Chairman), Robert Erbele, Richard Marcellais, Donald Schaible
Representatives Jim Kasper, Kenton Onstad, Wayne Trottier

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