

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 24, 2002  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of July 12, 2001, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman
- OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BOARDS STUDY**
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum relating to occupational and professional licensing boards of North Dakota and neighboring states
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by Senator Andrist regarding proposal to consolidate several occupational and professional boards
- 9:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of occupational and professional boards
- 9:40 a.m. Comments by committee members regarding the study of occupational and professional boards and staff directives
- RENAISSANCE ZONE PROGRESS REPORT**
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Rich Gray, Renaissance Zone Manager, Department of Commerce Division of Community Services, of annual report on renaissance zone progress
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee break
- INTERNATIONAL MARKETING STUDY**
- 10:25 a.m. Comments by Ms. Linda Butts, Director, Department of Commerce Division of Economic Development and Finance, regarding international marketing and current international marketing activities of the department
- 10:35 a.m. Presentations by exporters from the state regarding their experiences
- 11:10 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of international marketing
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by committee members regarding the study of international marketing and staff directives
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon recess
- BUSINESS PROGRAMS STUDY**
- 12:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Tax Department regarding state tax programs that assist in economic development
- 1:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Bank of North Dakota regarding state programs under the Bank which assist in economic development

- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Dean Reese, Chief Executive Officer, North Dakota Development Fund, Inc., and other representatives of the Department of Commerce, regarding state programs under which the department assists in economic development and gaps in economic development services
- 2:10 p.m. Coffee break
- 2:25 p.m. Comments by Mr. Delore Zimmerman, New Economy Initiative, regarding the status of the program
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the business programs study
- 3:00 p.m. Comments by committee members regarding the business programs study and staff directives

### **WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS STUDY**

- 3:10 p.m. Presentation by Mr. James J. Hirsch, Director, Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Development, regarding workforce training programs in the state and areas of worker shortage
- 3:40 p.m. Comments by a representative of Job Service North Dakota regarding the committee's study of workforce training and development programs
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of workforce training and development programs
- 3:55 p.m. Comments by committee members regarding the study of workforce training and development programs and staff directives
- 4:05 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Senators John M. Andrist (Chairman), Duaine C. Espgaard, Tony Grindberg, Joel C. Heitkamp, Karen K. Krebsbach, Deb Mathern, Duane Mutch, Carolyn Nelson, Rich Wardner  
 Representatives Rick Berg, Byron Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Glen Froseth, Pat Galvin, Scot Kelsh, Doug Lemieux, Bob Martinson, Bill Pietsch, Dale C. Severson, Blair Thoreson, Lonny Winrich