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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 Roughrider Room, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order Roll call Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by Tax Department staff on the following topics:
 - Comparison of how different taxpayers are affected by property, sales, and income taxes
 - Presentation of information on the legal status of agricultural land acquired by individuals whose primary interest in acquiring the property is for recreational uses
 - Presentation of data for each county and each property classification to illustrate the effect of a 24.27 percent property tax reduction
 - Presentation of data showing general fund property tax limits for schools, cities, and counties and current general fund property tax levies in mills for each school, city, and county
 - Presentation of estimates showing a comparison of the share of property, sales, and income taxes paid in North Dakota by nonresidents
 - Presentation of statistics on the number of homeowners, renters, and mobile home owners in North Dakota
 - Presentation of estimates of the sales tax rate reduction that could occur if all sales tax exemptions are eliminated and \$150 million per year of the additional revenue is allocated to school property tax relief
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by the Department of Public Instruction staff regarding whether other states base funding on core curriculum and an example of the effect of phasing in \$300 million property tax relief over four bienniums
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple, Chairman of the North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement, relating to the activities of the commission
- 11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the committee study of enhanced funding for elementary and secondary education and methods to reduce reliance on property taxes to fund elementary and secondary education
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on property and income tax benefits for homestead property in other states
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a revised bill draft to prohibit future agreements for transfer of city or county home rule sales tax revenues to school districts

- 1:25 p.m. Testimony of a representative of the North Dakota League of Cities relating to home rule sales tax revenue uses
- 1:35 p.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance relating to home rule sales tax revenue uses
- 1:45 p.m. Committee discussion and directives relating to the bill draft to prohibit transfer of city or county home rule sales tax revenues to school districts
- 1:55 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft to require more information with property tax statements
- 2:00 p.m. Testimony of representatives of the North Dakota Association of Counties relating to the bill draft to require more information with property tax statements
- 2:15 p.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance relating to the bill draft to require more information with property tax statements
- 2:25 p.m. Committee discussion and directives relating to the bill draft to require more information with property tax statements
- 2:35 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

- Senators Herb Urlacher (Chairman), John M. Andrist, Dwight Cook, Michael A. Every, Harvey Tallackson, Ben Tollefson, Rich Wardner
- Representatives Larry Bellew, Wesley R. Belter, Kari Conrad, David Drovdal, Pam Gulleson, C. B. Haas, Lyle Hanson, Craig Headland, Gil Herbel, Ronald A. Iverson, Phillip Mueller, Kenton Onstad, Mark S. Owens, Arlo E. Schmidt, Dave Weiler, Clark Williams, Dwight Wrangham