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