

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

TAXATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 3, 1998
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of July 7, 1998, meeting

COAL INDUSTRY STUDY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Dr. David Ramsett, Professor of Economics and Director of the Division of Economics and Public Affairs, University of North Dakota, of a report entitled *Competition in North Dakota's Coal-Electric Utility Industry: Lignite vs. Subbituminous Coal*

10:15 a.m. Coffee break

10:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. John Dwyer, President, North Dakota Lignite Energy Council, regarding the coal industry study

10:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons in attendance regarding the coal industry study

11:00 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the coal industry study

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS STUDY

11:20 a.m. Consideration of a bill draft to allow school districts to decide whether their levies apply to property exempted from taxation by a city or county

11:30 a.m. Consideration of a bill draft to allow school districts to participate in a nonvoting status in city or county decisions on property tax exemptions that would affect the school districts

11:40 a.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the property tax exemptions affect on school districts' study

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

CHARITABLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION STUDY

1:00 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft based on Pennsylvania law to restrict application of the property tax exemption for charitable organizations

1:10 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to allow imposition of special assessments against property of charitable organizations

1:20 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to limit the property tax exemption for hospitals to portions of a building used primarily to provide inpatient services

1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Bryan Nermoe, Manager of Public Policy, MeritCare Health System, concerning the study of the property tax exemption for charitable organizations

1:45 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to limit the amount of property a nonprofit organization may own in North Dakota

1:55 p.m. Testimony of other interested persons in attendance

2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives

2:30 p.m. Coffee break

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT STUDY

2:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Dwight Aakre, Department of Agricultural Economics, North Dakota State University, regarding the effects of limiting the capitalization rate to no less than 10 percent and no more than 11 percent under the agricultural property valuation formula

3:00 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to restrict the changes in the capitalization rate in the agricultural property valuation formula for property tax purposes

3:10 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to establish a classification of unproductive agricultural property for property assessment purposes

3:20 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to incorporate a production cost factor in the agricultural property valuation formula for property tax purposes

3:30 p.m. Testimony of interested persons in attendance regarding the agricultural property valuation formula

3:40 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the agricultural property assessment study

FARM BUILDINGS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION STUDY

3:50 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to make clear that beginning farmers are eligible for the farm buildings property tax exemption

4:00 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to amend a statutory provision requiring assessors to establish valuations for exempt property

4:10 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to eliminate considerations established by the North Dakota Supreme Court under the farm buildings property tax exemption and to add a limitation relating to processing of agricultural products

4:20 p.m. Comments of interested persons in attendance relating to the farm buildings property tax exemption study

4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the farm buildings property tax exemption study

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF STUDY

4:40 p.m. Presentation by a Tax Department representative relating to comparison of property taxes among property classifications to determine whether tax burdens have shifted

4:50 p.m. Presentation by a Tax Department representative relating to income comparisons on regional or occupational levels

5:00 p.m. Consideration of a bill draft to increase the earnings limitations to qualify for the homestead credit

5:10 p.m. Committee discussion and directives relating to the property tax relief study

5:20 p.m. Committee discussion and directives

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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