Citizen Trade Policy Commission
Friday, January 21, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m.
Taxation Committee Room
State House Room #127

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. (9:00 a.m.)
   Commission Chairs, Commission Members

   - Welcome and introductions
   - Preview of meeting agenda and expectations

2. CAFTA Briefing (9:15 a.m.)
   Bill Waren and Sylvia Tonova, Forum on Democracy and Trade

3. Commission Work Session. (11:15 a.m.)
   Commission Chairs, Commission Members, Staff

   A. Discuss structure of the February 3rd public hearing in Bangor

   B. Report Back from the Legislation Working Group

   C. Schedule future meetings

(Lunch Break. 12:15 p.m.)

4. Subcommittee Work Session. (12:45 p.m.)

   Healthcare Subcommittee (Health and Human Services Committee Room - # 209)
   Labor/Economic Development Subcommittee (IFW/ACF Committee Room - #206)
   Natural Resources/Environment Subcommittee (Utilities Committee - Room #211)

   - Continue to develop/implement workplans
   - Plan future meetings
   - Generate CAFTA questions for CTPC letter

(Forum on Democracy and Trade Staff will be available to consult with subcommittees)

5. Reconvene full committee for subcommittee report backs (3:30 p.m.)

6. Adjournment. (4:00 p.m.)

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Citizen Trade Policy Commission
November 9, 2004
AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15   **Introductions**

9:15 – 12:00   **Presentation:** Forum on Democracy & Trade, Director Peter Riggs and Jennifer Gerbasi will discuss how U.S. trade commitments impact States' regulatory powers. During this presentation, the following areas will be covered:

- A brief over-view of U.S. trade policy and the World Trade Organization;

- New developments in trade agreements and in upcoming negotiations;

- Key rules;

- Sectors of interest to Maine – Agriculture, prescription drugs;

- Who makes decisions regarding U.S. trade commitments

- What can Maine do;

- What are other States doing;

- Where Can States Go for Assistance; and

- Discussion

The Forum on Democracy & Trade is a nonprofit organization that provides legal and technical assistance, and networking support, to State legislators and other public officials working on trade issues in their jurisdictions. The Forum is pro-trade and pro-democracy, dedicated to ensuring that States can use trade to advance economic development while safeguarding local authority.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch break (Cross Office Building cafeteria will be open)

1:00   Commission Work Session

- The Commission should develop a short and long term work plan and, if needed, establish sub-committees to cover specific areas of interest. Both Peter Riggs and Jennifer Gerbasi will be available to provide assistance to the Commission as needed.

- Schedule public hearings

Citizen Trade Policy Commission
Thursday, December 16, 2004 @ 9:00 a.m.
Business, Research & Economic Development Committee
Cross State Office Building Room #208

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. (9:00 a.m.)
   Commission Chairs, Commission Members, Staff

- Welcome and introductions
- Preview of meeting agenda and expectations

2. Commission Work Session. (9:15 a.m.)
   Commission Chairs, Commission Members, Staff

A. Review draft introductory letters

B. Discuss first public hearing in Bangor

- Finalize date, time and location
- Discuss how to conduct & structure public hearing

C. CAFTA
- Discuss proposal to generate list of commission's questions about CAFTA to send as letter to USTR, Maine's Congressional delegation, etc.

D. Discuss draft legislation

E. Review Commission workplan & suggested framework for subcommittees

F. Schedule future meetings

   Break 11: 00 a.m.

3. Subcommittee Work Session. (11:15 a.m.)

Healthcare Subcommittee (Utilities Committee Room - # 209)
Labor/Economic Development Subcommittee (BRED Committee Room - #208)
Natural Resources/Environment Subcommittee (Criminal Justice Committee - Room #211)

- Develop workplans
- Plan future meetings
- Generate CAFTA questions for CTPC letter

4. Reconvene full committee for subcommittee workplan report backs (15 minutes)

5. Adjournment. (1:00 p.m.)

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