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TENTATIVE AGENDA
MONTANA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Friday, March 24, 2006
9 a.m.
Room 102, State Capitol

Note: The Council will recess from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to attend a luncheon with representatives from the Canadian Consulate General

- I. Call to order, roll call -- Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Vice Chair
- II. Approval of minutes from September 22, 2005, meeting
- III. Consultation on proposed property transfer from Department of Corrections to Jefferson County
 - A. Description of proposed property transfer
 - B. Input from Council members
- IV. Audio committee minutes: expanded use for 2007 session
 - A. Background -- Lois Menzies, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD) and Steve Eller, Computer Systems Manager, LSD
 - B. Review of proposal -- Marilyn Miller, House Chief Clerk and Bill Lombardi, Secretary of the Senate
 - C. Council discussion and direction
- V. Update on general fund revenue -- Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division
- VI. Update on action items identified during 2005-2006 interim planning session

(Over, please)

- A. Television Montana (TVMT) update -- Stephen Maly, Executive Director, Helena Civic Television
 - B. Fiscal note work group -- Rep. Wanzenried and Rep. Lange, members, fiscal note work group
 - C. Information technology update -- Hank Trenk, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology, LSD
 - D. Council discussion and direction
- VII. Recent court challenges to state statutes -- Valencia Lane, Legislative Attorney, LSD
- VIII. Attorney General's opinion regarding codification of motor vehicle law
- A. Review of opinion -- Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner
 - B. Council discussion and direction
- IX. Selection of dates for party caucuses, new legislator orientation, legislator continuing education, and Law School for Legislators
- A. Proposed dates -- Lois Menzies
 - B. Council discussion and direction
- X. 2009 biennium budget preparation
- A. Review of budget preparation process -- Lois Menzies
 - B. Potential budget proposals -- Lois Menzies
 - C. Council discussion and direction
- XI. Public comment on any public matter within the Legislative Council's jurisdiction
- XII. Other business -- Lois Menzies and Council members
- A. Introduction of new staff members
 - B. Results of Legislative Branch financial compliance audit
 - C. Broadband pay plan proposal: Council discussion and direction
 - D. Proposed procedure for approving requests for financial support for legislator participation in interstate activities: Council discussion and direction
 - E. Report from Legislative Council management advisory group -- Sen. Cocchiarella
- XIII. Adjourn