

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
December 7, 2004 @ 9:00 a.m.
State House Room # 127

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

- Discuss possible legislation
- Review draft introductory letters
- Review Commission workplan
- Schedule future meetings and public hearings

Break 10: 45 a.m.

3. Subcommittee Work Session. (11:00 a.m.)

Commission Members and Staff

- Develop workplans
- .Plan future meetings

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

* All times are tentative

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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