

Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Friday July 16, 2010, 9:00 A.M.
State House, Transportation Committee Room (Rm 126)
Augusta

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Task Force report backs or updates.** Also, brief discussion of potential FOA issues relating to task force meetings. (staff)
- **Update from Jim Catella (Sen. Snowe's office)** about trade agreement developments (by conference call –TBA)
- **Discussion on Korean Free Trade Agreement** (Rep. Rotundo)
- **Discussion on Panama/Columbia FTAs** (Sarah Bigney)
- **Possible legislation for next session:**

Recommendation from 2009 Assessment – Legislation to require that contracts between government units in Maine and private investors include a waiver of any right by the investor to seek compensation through international investment arbitration.

Changes to commission's enabling statute; Duties and Powers – Consider amending the section of law regarding the commission's powers and duties (10 MRSA § 11, sub-§9, paragraph G) to read: "May recommend that the state or Maine's Congressional Delegation support, or withhold its support from, future trade negotiations or agreements; and"

Changes to commission member terms – Consider expanding the term for members from 3 years to 5 years (to address institutional knowledge and appointment issues)

Changes to assessment requirement – Make it every 4 years to accumulate funding for a more in depth assessment or/and change the language (10 MRSA § 11, sub-§9, paragraph C) to read "Shall every 3 years have an independent assessment of the (remove this - impacts of international trade agreements) commission's activities regarding its duties under this section and provide an overview of the state of international trade agreements and the affect or potential affect they may have on Maine's state laws, municipal laws, working conditions and business environment."

- **Policy Statement** (to be provided)
- **Commission budget briefing** (staff)
- **Agenda items for the next meeting**
- **Task force members to meet after CTPC meeting**