

Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Regular meeting, Friday, July 18, 2008

10:00 A.M.

Transportation Committee Room, Augusta

AGENDA

Full commission convenes at 10:00 AM

- **Introductions**

- **Trade updates – 10:15AM**
 1. Conference call update by Congressional staff members (Dylan Williams - Sen. Snowe's office; Kim Glas – Rep. Michaud's office; Alison Walsh – Rep. Allen's office; someone from Sen. Collins may attend).

 2. Peter Riggs (Forum on Democracy and Trade) – July 15th GATS conference call; NCSL and Council State Governments East meetings; the WTO Doha Round; and the Glamis Case.

 3. Rep. Burns – Update on Kennebunk/Nestle water issue and someone from the area will give testimony on the issue. Please review William Warren's discussion of this agreement which is posted on the commission's webpage (the transcript and audio).

 4. Linda Pistner – Application to Maine of the new transparency obligations proposed by the Chairman's fourth draft of proposed disciplines under GATS.

- **Regional meeting (Friday, September 19th, Manchester, NH @ the Hilton Garden Inn)**
 - General discussion and carpooling options. The Forum has set aside rooms for Thursday and Friday – email Robin Lunge or Peter Riggs to reserve a room. The Forum is developing an agenda and meeting times.

- **Commission's "work shop" (Friday, September 26th)** Discuss and confirm the following:
 1. Location and duration;
 2. Facilitator;
 3. Develop a rough agenda or blueprint for work shop; and
 4. Head count (as of 7-2-08, five members have confirmed two of which can only attend after 10:30AM).

- **Public hearing in Bangor**- Determine date in early October; identify facility to host meeting; Rep. Michaud may be able to attend an early October hearing – no reply from others yet. If others do not attend should there be a panel discussion? If so, suggestions for panelists?
- **Commission's Assessment** – General discussion. Public Law 2007, chapter 266 requires the commission to conduct an assessment of the impact of trade agreements on Maine every two years. The law took effect on June 8, 2007 so the next assessment is due in 2009. The commission should have \$10,000 to conduct the assessment. The Forum on Democracy and Trade collaborated with the commission to conduct the commission's last assessment. That assessment is on the commission's webpage.
- **Staffing update** – Sen. Rotundo
- **Next meeting date and agenda items**