

Agenda For The Meeting Of The Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Date: January 21, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Cross State Office Building, Room 206

- I) A brief overview of the MCTPC: its history and its function.
- II) Phone Briefing from Jim Catella, Senator Snowe's point person on trade issues, about the South Korea FTA and other trade-related issues pending in the Senate.
- III) Phone Briefing from Nora Todd, Congressman Michaud's Legislative Director, about the South Korea FTA and the latest on the debate over China's currency.
- III) Trade Policy 101 with Sarah Bigney
- IV) Discussion of legislation related to Water Extraction
- V) Discussion of further action regarding the South Korea FTA.

Please note the order may change to better accommodate our two phone guests from Senator Snowe and Congressman Michaud's offices.

Draft Agenda For 2/18 Meeting

I) Orientation. We'll be welcoming several new members attending for the first time, including a basic overview of the history and purpose of the CTPC, as well as a presentation from Sarah Bigney and anyone else who wants to chime in on the very basics of trade policy.

II) Deciding when in March to meet. The commission was originally going to meet on Friday March 18th, but that's a government shut-down day. You will need to pick a new date.

III) Revisiting the April Public Meeting. The commission tentatively agreed to meet in April in Calais, but nothing was set in stone just yet.

IV) The Korea Free Trade Agreement. The commission informally agreed to help Sen. Snowe's point person on trade, Jim Catella, find local people he could speak with to help give the Senator feedback on the Korea FTA. Because Senator Snowe is a member of the committee that will vote on the Korea FTA, the commission discussed coming up with some questions to suggest for Senate Snowe to ask during the hearings on the FTA. The commission could also, at its pleasure, discuss other aspects of the Korea FTA or discuss taking some kind of action at some point like writing a letter or making a recommendation to the legislature.

V) Federal-State Consultation. At the last meeting, Sarah Bigney circulated draft language for a resolution on Federal-State Consultation on Trade that the commission has been working on. According to the minutes Mr. Burson suggested that the language be redrafted into final resolution form and be brought up for a formal vote at the February Meeting. The commission agreed to vote on the redrafted language this Friday.

VI) State Procurement Legislation. At the last meeting, the commission decided to seek draft legislation from Curtis Bentley of OPLA and Linda Pistner of the AG's office on state procurement based on the recommendations of the report from the Ground Water Working Group. I spoke with Curtis Bentley at OPLA yesterday, and he's having his draft legislation looked over by Linda Pistner at the AG's office right now. Hopefully the draft will be ready for you all to look at either before or at Friday's meeting.

VII) Clarifying the relationship between America's pending free trade agreements and state pharmaceutical affordability programs. This is related to Item VI. I'm trying to book Professor Sean Flynn to give us

a phone briefing and help the commission get some clarity on the pharmaceutical situation: what's at stake, what the obstacles are, what the consequences of action or inaction are, and what recommendations he's making to the commission. I will send out a quick e-mail if I'm able to book him successfully.

VIII) Sarah Bigney suggested the commission hear testimony on possible Chinese paper dumping in a future meeting. The commission tentatively agreed to look for someone to testify.

**Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission
Meeting Agenda for Friday March 11th 9 A.M.**

- 1) Brief introductions from the new chairs, Rep. Joyce Maker (R-Calais) and Sen. Roger Sherman (R-Houlton) "and further orientation materials for new members.
- 2) (Pending confirmation) Remarks from former CTPC member Rep. Sharon Treat (D-Hallowell) on her appointment to IGPAC and her recent trade policy trip to Washington D.C.
- 3) (Pending confirmation) Testimony from Jim Catella of Senator Snowe's office about the latest developments in Congress on the Korea Free Trade Agreement and the possibility of bundling that agreement with parallel agreements with Colombia and Panama.
- 4) (Pending confirmation) Remarks from Dana Eidsness of the Forum on Democracy and Trade on what the bundling of these agreements would mean for Maine and what actions could be taken by the Commission.
- 5) The Commission will make a final decision on the resolution submitted last week by Sarah Bigney regarding Federal-State consultation. [I will send members the most up-to-date draft in the next day or so.]
- 6) The Commission will take another vote on submitting draft legislation regarding state procurement. [I'm looking to see if I can get a revised draft of this language out to members in the next day or so as well.]
- 7) Member Kate Whitelaw of the Maine Fair Trade Campaign will review a conference call her organization participated in with the World Trade Organization.
- 8) Final discussion on the logistics, purpose, and publicity of the CTPC's Public Hearing on Thursday April 28th at 6PM in Calais.
- 9) Discussion on which Friday in May in the CTPC should meet. The Chairs have suggested Friday May 20th to me, so check your calendars.

CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION DRAFT AGENDA

Friday, September 16, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.
Augusta, Room 220 of the Cross Office Building

Approximate Time

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| 10:00am | Meeting Called to Order |
| 10:05 – 10:35 | I. International Trade 101
Presentation by Sarah Bigney, Maine Fair Trade Campaign
(~ 20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A) |
| 10:35 – 11:15 | II. Pending Free Trade Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference call with Jim Catella, Senator Snowe’s Office
(~20 min)• Conference call with Nora Todd, Rep. Michaud’s Office
(~ 20 min) |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | III. Citizen Trade Policy Commission Overview
Presentation by Rep. Peggy Rotundo, Commission Member
(~ 20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A) |
| 11:45 – 12:05 | VI. Discussion of Dates, Times and Topics for Public Hearings
(~ 20 mins) |
| 12:05 – 12:25 | VII. Break |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | VII. Briefing on 2009 Citizen Trade Policy Commission Assessment
Presentation by Professor Robert (Bob) Stumberg,
Director of the Harrison Institute of Public Law at Georgetown University,
(~ 20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A) |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | V. Identify Topics for 2011 Assessment, Outline Next Steps
Commission discussion and public comment
(~ 30 mins) |
| 1:30 – 1:50 | VII. Identify Topics for the Commission Will Consider for Future Meetings, Discuss Approach to Address Topics
Commission discussion
(~ 20 mins) |
| 1:50 – 2:00pm | VIII. Choose Topics and Presenters for Next Meeting, Set Date and Time
(~ 10 mins) |

Commission Adjourns

CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
Washington County Community College, Calais
Main Hall – Assembly Room

1:00 pm Meeting Called to Order – Welcome and Introductions

- I. (1:05pm -1:40pm) State Consultation – How can Maine have more direct consultation with USTR? Joint presentation**
 - A. Rep. Peggy Rotundo – a historical perspective of the CTPC and the USTR (see Resolve)
 - B. Rep. Sharon Treat – the role of IGPAC and facilitating the relationship with USTR
 - C. Wade Merritt (CTPC member) – The role of the Maine International Trade Center

- II. (1:40-2:20) Recent developments regarding the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA)**
 - A. Rep. Sharon Treat – Pharmaceutical provisions of the agreement and the goal of affordable medicines
 - B. Professor Bob Stumberg – Regulatory provisions of the TPPA and the potential implications on domestic regulation

- III. (2:30 – 3:00) A local perspective Calais and St. Stephen New Brunswick**
 - A. Discussion with Diane Barnes, Calais Town Manager and John Ferguson, Chief Administrative Officer, St. Stephen, New Brunswick

- IV. (3:00 – 3:20) Trade Adjustment Assistance Program**
 - A. Briefing on the administration of TAA in Maine – Judy Pelletier, Trade Program Coordinator, ME Dept. of Labor

- V. (3:20 – 4:00) Bi-annual assessment**
 - A. Potential topics
 - 1. Member suggestion – Harry Ricker – interested in looking at the dollar value, volume and number of containers by product (shoes, lumber, apples) exported from Maine in 2009-10 compared to 1982 when the dollar was similarly weak.
 - 2. Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement
 - B. Process for completing assessment

Commission Adjourns