

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.