

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on March 31, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts- excused
Senator James Barnett- excused
Senator Kay O'Connor- excused

Committee staff present:

Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office
John Beverlin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Lana Oleen
Ron Hein, Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation
Glenn Thompson, Stand up for Kansas
Rod Barnes, City Manager, Junction City, Kansas
Rick Dykstra, Geary County, Kansas
Robin Jennision, Ruffin Companies
Charles Yunker, American Legion
Jerry Griggs, Moose Lodge

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked the committee for attending the late meeting. He informed them that he was going to try and hear all of the conferees. Chairperson Brungardt opened the hearing on **SCR 1622, Privately-owned and privately-operated casinos**. He welcomed Senator Lana Oleen to the podium.

Senator Oleen explained her reasons for authoring the bill. She explained her desire to limit gaming in the state of Kansas. She then went over the resolution for the committee (Attachment 1).

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee for questions.

Senator Vratil asked how the Governor's gaming proposal requires the state to promote gaming.

Senator Oleen explained that the state would be in the business of gaming. She explained that because pressure was to raise money, the state would be put in the position to promote gaming to raise money.

Senator Vratil observed that there was nothing in the Governor's proposal that required the state to market gaming opportunities.

Senator Oleen explained there was nothing to prevent such marketing.

Senator Vratil expressed concern of the 400 gaming machines tied to a local computing system, called for in the resolution. He wanted to know what would happen if times changed and computers became obsolete or 400 machines were either not enough or too much.

Senator Oleen explained that the constitution would have to be amended.

Chairperson Brungardt asked for additional questions.

Senator Gilstrap asked if Senator Oleen trusted the citizens of Kansas to vote on the Governor's gaming bill that passed out of the committee earlier in the session. He explained that the bill gave the people at the county and city level the right to vote on gaming in their area.

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Senator Oleen explained that she would trust the voters on a statewide level. She explained that it would maintain the consistency of having citizens vote on expanded gaming such as happened in the past.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Senator Oleen and welcomed Ron Hein to the podium.

Mr. Hein presented testimony in favor of **SCR 1622** (Attachment 2). He explained that while the Potawatomie Nations oppose expanded gaming, if it comes, they favor the form presented in the resolution.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Hein and informed the committee that they had written testimony from Matt All, Chief Counsel to the Governor (Attachment 3). He then welcomed Glenn Thompson to the podium.

Mr. Thompson presented testimony in opposition to **SCR 1622** (Attachment 4).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Thompson and welcomed Rod Barnes to the podium.

Mr. Barnes presented testimony in opposition to **SCR 1622** (Attachment 5). He explained to the committee Junction City's desire to have a large destination casino.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Barnes and welcomed Rick Dykstra to the podium.

Mr. Dykstra presented testimony in opposition to **SCR 1622** (Attachment 6).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Dykstra and welcomed Robin Jennison to the podium.

Mr. Jennison presented testimony in opposition to **SCR 1622** (Attachment 7). He expressed concern with leaving parimutuel tracks out of the resolution.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Jennison and welcomed Charles Yunker to the podium.

Mr. Yunker presented testimony in opposition to **SCR 1622** (Attachment 8). He explained the desire and need for fraternal organizations to have a limited number of slot machines in their facilities.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Yunker and welcomed Jerry Griggs to the podium.

Mr. Griggs presented testimony in opposition to **SCR 1622** (Attachment 9).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Griggs. He asked the committee to approve the minutes for March 9, March 10, March 11, March 15, March 16 and March 17.

Senator Clark made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Lyon. The minutes for March 9, March 10, March 11, March 15, March 16 and March 17 were approved.

Chairperson Brungardt informed the committee that the meeting on April 1, will be on call of the chair. He then thanked the committee and the conferees.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in room 231-N.