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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lana Oleen at 11:05 a.m. on February 8, 1995 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Kim Perkins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dan Boyd, Central Kansas Investigations  
James Cates, Kansas Lottery Commission Confirmee  
Jacqueline Sullivan, Kansas Human Rights Commission  
Confirmee

Others attending: See attached list

Sen. Oleen called for bill introductions and introduced Dan Boyd who explained a proposal for a bill relating to the identification and licensing of private investigators. Sen. Ramirez made a motion to introduce and it was seconded by Sen. Gooch. The motion passed.

Sen. Oleen announced that the committee would hold confirmation hearings for James Cates, a confirmee to the Kansas Lottery Commission, and Jacqueline Sullivan, a confirmee to the Kansas Human Rights Commission. Sen. Oleen then introduced James Cates who gave a brief opening statement and then called for questions from the committee. Sen. Oleen asked James Cates how many lottery meetings he had attended and he answered that he had attended two since his appointment. Sen. Oleen asked if he had a good working relationship with the commission and staff; Mr. Cates answered that they had been very helpful.

Sen. Vidricksen asked whether Mr. Cates supported the renewal of the lottery and since he had served in the Kansas Legislature, whether he had supported the lottery in the past. James Cates said that he was very supportive of the renewal of the lottery, but that he had voted against the lottery in 1992 because the proposal had included discussion of casino gambling. Sen. Vidricksen asked Mr. Cates if he was aware that the legislature could vote to begin casino gambling under the authorization of the Kansas Lottery and James Cates stated that he was aware of that fact.

Sen. Gooch asked Mr. Cates what his profession was and Cates answered that he was an insurance consultant and that he would continue working with his position on the Kansas Lottery Commission. Sen. Gooch followed by asking if the position received compensation and Cates responded that each member received \$35 per meeting. Sen. Gooch asked Mr. Cates how he felt about the continuance of the lottery and Cates stated that he supported the renewal of the lottery. Sen. Gooch asked if he would support any expansion of the lottery and Mr. Cates responded that he would support any legislative decision, as the legislature makes those policy decisions.

Sen. Oleen asked if the Kansas Lottery Commission had formally come out in support of the renewal of the lottery and Mr. Cates responded that every member supported the renewal but that no formal release of the opinion had yet been made.

Sen. Oleen asked if, in the two meetings he had attended, had the commission discussed the possibility of creating a Gaming Board and Mr. Cates said that they had not discussed the issue.

Sen. Hensley asked Cates if he were pleased with the current allocation of revenue generated by the lottery. Mr. Cates explained that the commission had no hands-on involvement in the distribution of funds and that he would support any policy decision the legislature made.

Sen. Oleen asked the committee if there were more questions for Mr. Cates and seeing none, she introduced Jacqueline Sullivan. Jacqueline Sullivan gave brief opening remarks about her appointment to the Human Rights commission, then asked the committee for questions. Sen. Tillotson addressed the case backlog

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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problem within the Human Rights Commission and Ms. Sullivan stated that the backlog was a major concern of hers and a personal challenge in decreasing the problems of the backlog. Sen. Tillotson asked if a solution might be to delegate or assign some of the cases to the local level and Ms. Sullivan stated that they are no better funded at the local level and therefore the training is minimal on investigators in the field who are positioned in community-based human rights agencies.

Sen. Vidricksen asked about Sullivan's statute requirement and Sen. Oleen answered that the statute called for a representative from the Real Estate industry and that was the capacity in which Ms. Sullivan was recommended for the commission.

Sen. Oleen asked if, after living in so many areas, whether she had any specific solutions for problems with backlog. Ms. Sullivan stated that she believed that eventually as people become more aware, the commission might no longer be needed. Sen. Ramirez questioned this statement and Ms. Sullivan stated that she hoped as people become more aware of the problems, the necessity of the commission would decrease. Sen. Praeger asked if Ms. Sullivan had any specific ideas for what role the commission could play in educating the people about human rights, and Ms. Sullivan said that at this time, because the commission was so backed up, she had no suggestions.

Sen. Oleen asked Ms. Sullivan if, as a commissioner, she did case to case investigations and Ms. Sullivan answered that each commissioner was assigned cases. Sen. Oleen asked whether Ms. Sullivan had completed a KBI check and Ms. Sullivan answered that she believed it was in the process.

Sen. Oleen asked if there were further questions of Ms. Sullivan, and seeing none she stated that the committee would continue its discussion of the Human Rights Post Audit Report. Sen. Ramirez asked how much the backlog had increased. Members of the Human Rights Commission Staff present answered that last year there were 166 cases reported each month and this year the number had dropped to 147 cases reported. Reasons given for the decrease were that the screening process had improved and that the enforcement measures imposed by the commission were having a positive effect. Sen. Oleen clarified that the commission believed that they were decreasing the number of cases being filed with the commission.

Sen. Gooch asked if the commission worked effectively with the current administrative staff. Michael Brungardt, Executive Director, answered that he believed the administrators did an excellent job for the Kansas Human Rights Commission. Sen. Jones asked how often the commission staff was evaluated and Michael Brungardt answered that they had an annual evaluation policy and were evaluated by the Lottery Commission.

Sen. Oleen asked for committee action on approving Committee minutes for the Committee Meeting dated February 2, 1995. Sen. Tillotson made a motion the minutes be approved, and it was seconded by Sen. Papay; the motion passed.

Sen. Oleen called for further questions, and seeing none, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 1995.

