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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 10, 1995 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Sen. Parkinson (excused)

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Homer Kruckenberg, Kansas Lottery Commission Confirmee

Others attending:

Sen. Oleen called for bill introductions and Sen. Walker explained that he had a public health proposal which asked the Health Care Governing Board to request information from health care providers to prepare a statewide cost summary for consumers. Sen. Vidricksen made a motion to introduce the bill draft and it was seconded by Sen. Gooch. The motion passed.

Sen. Oleen introduced Homer Kruckenberg for his confirmation hearing to the Kansas Lottery Commission. Kruckenberg gave brief opening remarks and then asked the committee for questions. Sen. Gooch asked Kruckenberg if he had the opportunity to serve on the commission as of yet and Kruckenberg answered that he had attended two meetings.

Sen. Oleen asked Homer Kruckenberg to explain some of the duties of the commission based on the two meetings he had attended. Kruckenberg announced that they had dealt with approving contracts, the budget, and a review by the accounting firm. Sen. Oleen asked if he had contacted former Governor Finney with his interest of serving on the board and Kruckenberg answered affirmatively.

Sen. Oleen asked Kruckenberg if he would characterize himself as a supporter of the lottery and Homer Kruckenberg stated that he had voted for the lottery, but that he did not wish to play. Sen. Oleen asked if, as a private citizen, Kruckenberg was satisfied with the distribution of funds generated by the lottery. Kruckenberg stated that he supported the decisions of the legislature. Sen. Oleen stated that she understood that there was a retailers council associated with the lottery and asked if Kruckenberg had an opportunity to interact with that body as well. Homer Kruckenberg stated that he had not worked with that organization.

Sen. Oleen asked Kruckenberg to explain some of the unique qualities he would bring to the commission. Kruckenberg stated that he brought a sense of fair play, experience as a school teacher, and a degree of foresight and judicious reasoning. Sen. Oleen clarified that Homer Kruckenberg had completed a KBI check.

Sen. Gooch asked if the equipment in each facility which sold lottery tickets was owned by that business or by a separate group. Gregory Zeimak, Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery, explained that a separate retailer actually owned those machines and that the businesses which housed the equipment did not have to pay to have the machines in their establishments. Each business receives 5 percent of every ticket sold.

Sen. Oleen called for further questions, and seeing none the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 1995.