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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 11:35 a.m. on March 31, 1995 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Sen. Hensley
Sen. Vidricksen
Sen. Parkinson

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Kim Perkins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Gene Olander, Kansas Racing Commission

Others attending:

Sen. Oleen announced that the committee would begin the confirmation hearing for Gene Olander to the Kansas Racing Commission (KRC). Gene Olander made brief introductory comments and stood for questions from the committee. Sen. Tillotson referred to Gene Olander's profession as a district attorney and asked whether he supported a state-wide system which required a full time district attorney and Gene Olander stated that he did support that system.

Sen. Oleen referred to **SB 124**, an act concerning the racing commission; and **SB 379**, an act concerning the racing commission; relating to the director of parimutuels; and asked Gene Olander if he had the opportunity to review the bills and if he had a position. Gene Olander stated that he supported the proposed amendments to the bills. Sen. Oleen asked Gene Olander if he had a good working relationship with the racing commission members and staff and he answered that the relationship was good and that everyone was very helpful.

Sen. Gooch asked Gene Olander if there was a salary for the position and Gene Olander answered that the salary was \$2000 per month. Sen. Oleen asked if he anticipated that the commission would need to meet more than once a month and Gene Olander stated that he anticipated that they would meet quite often and that there is a great deal to learn about the racing industry in order to serve as a regulatory member. Sen. Oleen called for further questions from the committee, and seeing none, closed the confirmation hearing.

Sen. Oleen called for committee approval of the minutes dated February 23, 27, 28, 1995 and March 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 1995. Sen. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Sen. Praeger. The motion passed.

Sen. Oleen called for further discussion, and seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.