

Approved: February 20, 1996
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on February 8 at the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Offices, 1620 S.W. Tyler, Topeka, Kansas.

All members were present except: Representative David Adkins, Excused
Representative Clyde Graeber, Excused
Representative Britt Nichols, Excused
Representative L. Candy Ruff, Excused
Representative Don C. Smith, Excused

Committee staff present: June Evans, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

The Committee toured the Kansas Bureau of Investigations Office, 1620 S. W. Tyler.

Attorney General Carla Stovall welcomed the Committee and stated one of the functions of the Attorney General was to oversee the K.B.I. The budget for the K.B.I. has not increased since 1986 although the responsibilities have increased. The K.B.I. is currently short 9 agents and 3 laboratory technicians and there is no salary for them in the budget.

Dale Finger, Assistant Director, K.B.I., stated the Director, Larry Welch, was in an Appropriations meeting; therefore he was unable to be in attendance. The Committee toured the facility then met for questions and answers.

Special Agents Scott Farris and Ted Clark responded to questions pertaining to Indian gaming.

It was asked how many investigators were doing background checks and how many backgrounds would be completed? Two special agents are currently doing the checks and expect each Tribe to employ approximately 230 people. One-third of the background checks will be Category I. (See Attachment #1)

It was asked how many hours it takes to complete a background check? The average is approximately 140 hours of agent's time depending on where the applicant had lived. If a lot of travel is involved going to several states more time would be involved.

It was stated that the Kickapoo Tribe is expecting to open in 5-7 weeks, are the background checks completed so they will be ready to open? The special agents stated that 10-15 background checks have been completed and 25 background checks are in the process of being completed.

It was asked what impact full blown casinos would have on the K.B.I.? Special Agent Clark stated there would be some criminal activity from the operations which would cause extra work.

It was asked if the K.B.I. does all of their own work or do they use information from other states? Special Agent Clark stated the KBI develops their own investigations on-site. However, the K.B.I. does review records on-site and trades information, but do go to the location physically to do the work. There have been problems in some other states and it is best to conduct our own investigations because there have been problems with some other states background checks.

It was stated the K.B.I. could access the III System, but the K.B.I. is not fully automated for that system. They can receive other state's information, but other states cannot access Kansas' information. There are 30-33 states that are fully automated.

It was asked what the cost would be for the concealed carry bill?

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The K.B.I stated they would need additional personnel and estimate the cost at a half-million dollars if there were approximately 80,000 to 90,000 record checks needed. It is not known at this time what agency would process the backgrounds or if updates would be required annually.

It was asked what the number of record checks would be needed for casino gaming.

The K.B.I. stated the turnover rate for casino employees is high. This is being worked out between the State Gaming Commission and the Tribes if a person can be employed before background checks are completed. Some employees must have backgrounds completed before employment.

The K.B. I. stated the solution to the workload problem is being fully automated and would come over the next few years. The K.B.I would be able to operate with fewer personnel because of the automation.

The tour adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 1996.

APPENDIX C BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION STANDARDS

CATEGORY I APPLICANTS:

STOCKHOLDERS (5% OR MORE)
OWNERS
DIRECTORS
OFFICERS
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER (MANAGER)
CONTROLLER/ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
DIRECTOR OF SURVEILLANCE
GAMES MANAGER
MANUFACTURERS
VENDORS
DISTRIBUTORS
TRIBAL GAMING INSPECTORS
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
SURVEILLANCE EMPLOYEES

INVESTIGATION STANDARDS:

APPLICANT INTERVIEW
CONFIRM ALL INFORMATION ON THE DISCLOSURE FORM
FULL FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION INCLUDING TAX RETURNS, CREDIT
HISTORY, AND FINANCIAL RECORDS (BANKS, LOANS, ETC.)
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION
(LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, AND INTERPOL)
CIVIL COURT RECORDS (STATE AND FEDERAL)
DRIVING RECORD
INTERVIEW REFERENCES
INTERVIEW PAST EMPLOYERS
MEDICAL RECORDS (ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE)
REGULATORY AGENCIES (PROFESSIONAL LICENSES)
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECKS
EDUCATION
ASSOCIATES

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