

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 January 25, 1996 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

Members present were: Senator Oleen, Chair
Senator Tillotson, Vice Chair
Senator Jones, Ranking Minority Member
Senator Gooch
Senator Hensley
Senator Jordan
Senator Papay
Senator Praeger
Senator Ramirez
Senator Vidricksen
Senator Walker

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Nancy Wolff, Committee Secretary

Conferees Appearing Before the Committee

Leo Hafner, Legislative Post Audit
Gene Olander, Chairman of the Racing Commission
Myron Scafe, Executive Director of the Racing Commission
Judy Kruegger, Governor's appointment secretary

Senator Oleen introduced Leo Hafner of Legislative Post Audit who reviewed the Performance Audit Reports for both the Wichita Greyhound Park and the Camptown Greyhound Park. Mr. Hafner gave a background review of the investors in each park and their current financial picture.

Senator Praeger questioned if Mr. Hafner had reviewed the business plan that was put together to develop Camptown and if so, how could the partners have gone bankrupt so quickly. Mr. Hafner deferred the question to Jim Allen, Lobbyist for the Park, who gave a brief overview of the history of the Camptown Park and the events that led up to the bankruptcy order which has been filed.

Senator Oleen then introduced Mr. Gene Olander, Chairman of the Racing Commission, who spoke briefly relative to the racing commission and its makeup.

Senator Oleen introduced Myron Scafe, the Governor's appointment for Executive Director of the Racing Commission. Mr. Scafe presented a brief overview of his background and his qualifications to serve in such a capacity. Following his remarks, Senator Hensley questioned Mr. Scafe as to how he was approached to become Executive Director, to which Mr. Scafe responded that he had made application for the job. Senator Hensley then questions Mr. Scafe about his qualifications and a pending lawsuit that was filed by former Representative Kerry Patrick. Mr. Scafe responded that he was not able to discuss the issue as it was pending.

Senator Ramirez stated that he had been acquainted with Mr. Scafe for a number of years and that his brother had retired from the Overland Park police force and that he had great respect for Mr. Scafe and his reputation. Senator Gooch requested information on what kind of a background check was done on Mr. Scafe before his application for confirmation being referred to the committee. Mrs. Kruegger, the Governor's appointment secretary, stated that a standard background check was conducted by the KBI before the application was referred to the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee.

Senator Oleen closed the hearing on Mr. Scafe's confirmation and stated that action on his confirmation would be taken at a future date.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

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Jim Allen	Camptown
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