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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 11:10 a.m. on January 29, 1997 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Nancey Harrington - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Midge Donohue, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council

Mr. Jim Yonally, Kansas Coalition for Design, Topeka

Mr. Tracy Diel, State Gaming Agency, Topeka

Others attending:

See attached list

Introduction of Bills

A request was made by Mr. Jim Yonally, Kansas Coalition for Design, Topeka, for a bill to set up a system to register individuals who represent themselves as interior designers. He did not have specific language drafted but asked for consideration of a conceptional motion, saying he would be happy to work with the Revisor of Statutes Office in drafting the bill.

A motion was made by Senator Vidricksen and seconded by Senator Schraad that the bill be introduced; the motion carried by voice vote.

Senator Vidricksen made the motion that a bill be introduced to allow farm wineries to purchase wine or distilled wine products from other persons and to allow for the serving and sale of wine on or off the licensed premises. Senator Biggs seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Senator Vidricksen for introduction of a bill that would allow wholesalers to sell direct to groups and drinking establishments. The motion was seconded by Senator Becker and carried by voice vote.

Senator Becker moved that a resolution be introduced to amend Article 15 of the Kansas Constitution to allow Kansans to vote on the issue of carrying concealed weapons, thus providing voters with an opportunity to consider both approaches to the issue. Senator Biggs seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Mr. Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council, Topeka, asked that **SB 28** be made into two separate bills because it addressed two distinct issues, saying splitting the bill would allow for more focused hearings.

Senator Schraad made a motion that a new bill be introduced to separate the issues; Senator Becker seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Senator Oleen opened the floor for introduction of other bills; none was forthcoming.

Confirmation Hearing -- Tracy T. Diel, State Gaming Agency

Senator Oleen welcomed Tracy T. Diel whose appointment to the State Gaming Agency comes before the committee for recommendation and introduced him to committee members noting that, although he was new to the position, he had a strong background in law. She called attention to information provided in his resume and the appointments questionnaire which had been provided to the committee.

Mr. Diel briefly summarized his personal, educational and employment background, emphasizing his

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experience in law enforcement prior to his appointment to the Gaming Agency, having served as chief prosecutor for the City of Topeka and legal advisor to the Topeka Police Department. As a prosecutor, he said he was involved in enforcement as well as compliance and dealt with divergent views. He has been with the State Gaming Agency for approximately a month.

He then gave an overview of the State Gaming Agency for the benefit of the new Committee members, explaining that the primary function of the Agency was to oversee tribal gaming casinos in the State of Kansas. Mr. Diel provided a map (<u>Attachment #1</u>) showing the locations of the four Indian tribes that have compacts with the State of Kansas: Pottawatomie, Kickapoo, Sac 'n Fox, and Iowa, and explained the current status of each operation. Of the four, he said two are currently operating as casinos.

Mr. Diel explained that the Pottawatomie is a temporary facility but is in the process of finalizing a management agreement with Harrah Hotels for a permanent facility south of Mayetta. The Kickapoo Tribe, he said, has a full-time facility located between Horton and Highway 75 and is engaged in expansion which is expected to open in six to eight weeks. He went on to say that the Sac'n Fox anticipate opening within the next four to six weeks and is close to finishing phase one the project. The Iowa Tribe casino, located farther north near the Nebraska/Iowa/Kansas lines, has a compact at the present time, he said, but is not engaged in any type of casino gambling. It does, however, have a management contract with the National Gaming Commission and is awaiting approval from the Federal Commission before breaking ground. He advised that the tribe hoped to have the facility operational within the next year.

Mr. Diel stated that the Agency currently has four full-time employees including himself, a Director of Compliance who is a former law enforcement officer, an agent who is a former KBI agent whose responsibility is compliance checks, and an office assistant. He said he has made a conditional offer of employment to another law enforcement agent pending a background check and hopes to have a total complement of five full-time employees. He advised that the five positions would be funded by the tribes and explained the funding process. Mr. Diel stated that the KBI bills the Gaming Agency for the background checks it does and the tribes pay for those checks. He went on to explain the projected ninety-day time period for the state to perform the background investigations.

Senator Oleen advised that, although the committee would not be visiting the Reservations right away, it had received approval to call upon the Reservations later in the Spring.

<u>Senator Becker moved that the appointment of Tracy Diel to the State Gaming Agency be favorably recommended to the full Senate; Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.</u>

Senator Oleen reviewed committee agendas which were issued two weeks in advance, noting changes and explaining the reasons for the changes. She advised that staff review of **SB 21** and **SCR 1606** would be done on Thursday instead of Friday next week and called attention to the week of February 10 when hearings on both bills will be held in Room 313-S.

Senator Oleen advised that she had visited with the chairman of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee and does not plan to include that committee in the staff briefing next week; however, she said there was another Constitutional amendment on the House side, and a joint meeting on that amendment may be scheduled. If that occurs, she said the committee meeting would be scheduled from 12:00 noon until 1:15, instead of the usual 11:00.

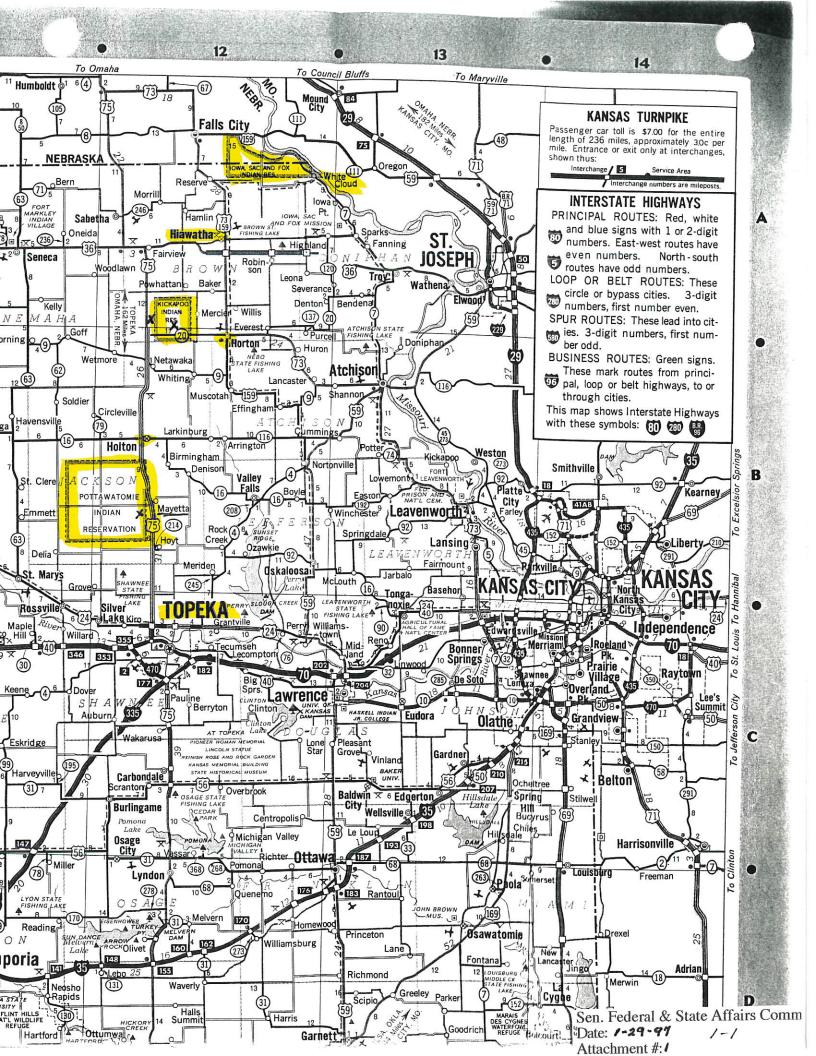
In regard to **SB 29** which was heard by the committee yesterday, Senator Oleen advised that more amendments than usual had been proposed by conferees. She asked staff to prepare a balloon version of the bill incorporating all proposed amendments to present to the committee when the bill is worked. She indicated the committee would continue to accept written testimony for the record and that information would be made available to committee members. She anticipated the bill would be worked sometime next week.

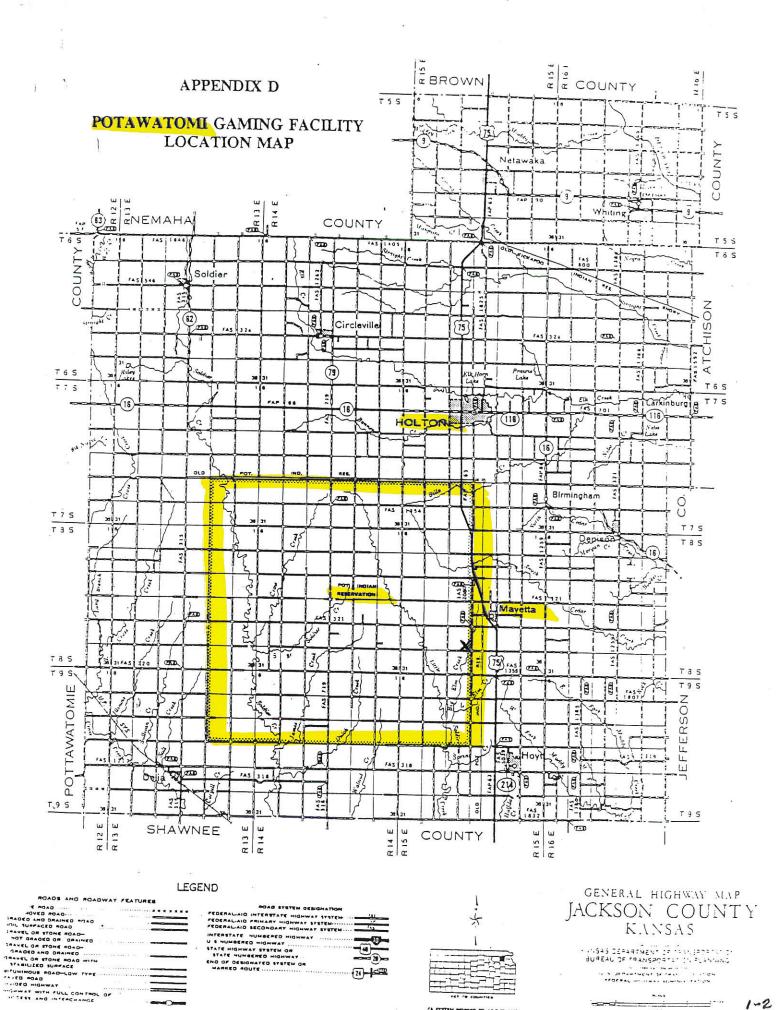
The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m; the next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 1997.

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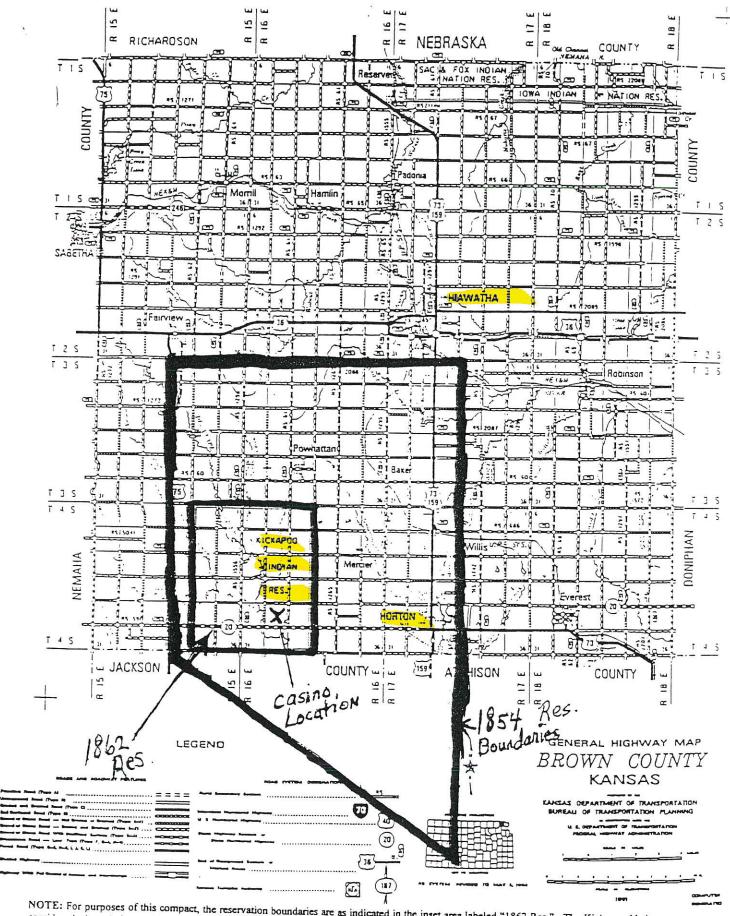
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KICKAPOO COMPACT-APPENDIX "D"



NOTE: For purposes of this compact, the reservation boundaries are as indicated in the inset area labeled "1862 Res.". The Kickapoo Nation considers the boundaries established by the Treaty of May 15, 1854, to be its true reservation boundaries pursuant to Article I of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas.

APPENDIX D

