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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen upon adjournment of the Senate at 6:30 on April 29, 1999 at the rail of the third floor outside the Senate Chamber of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Rich Becker, Excused
Senator Nancey Harrington, Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes

Chairman Oleen ask the committee to reconsider the previous action taken on **SB 361** and return the bill to committee. Senator Becker having voted on the prevailing side of the committee's previous action moved to return the bill to committee. Senator Bleeker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Vratil explained that as the bill is originally drafted, he is concerned that school districts could unfairly compete against the private sector for the business of state educational institutions.

After discussion by the committee, Senator Vratil moved to amend the bill to provide that a contract could be entered into with a school district food service only if the state educational institution had not received a minimum number of two bids from private businesses. The motion was seconded by Senator Vidricksen. The motion passed. Senator Biggs asked that his no vote be recorded in the minutes. Chairman Oleen requested that staff develop language for the amendment .

Senator Jones moved that the amended **SB 361** be reported favorably to the full Senate. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Oleen noted that **HB 2339** had been referred to Federal and State Affairs Committee. In its current form the bill contains the provisions of **SB 57** as that bill passed the Senate. The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs moved **SB 57** out of committee April 28 and it will probably be debated on the House Floor April 30. In anticipation of that action, **HB 2339** will no longer be needed in its current form.

Senator Vidricksen moved that the provision of **Sub SB 55** including technical amendments be substituted in **HB 2339** for the existing provisions. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Oleen explained a proposal that Representative Neufeld had brought to the Conference Committee on **HB 2065**. The proposal is for two amendments to the Gaming Compacts Act. The first amendment would repeal the authority for the Legislative Coordinating Council to approve tribal-state gaming compacts when the Legislature is not in Session. The second amendment would require all compacts negotiated after the effective date of the act to be in effect for a specific period of time. The duration of the compact's effectiveness would be a provision of the compact.

The Committee discussed the matter and reached consensus that any action on a proposal with potential broad policy implications should be discussed after a briefing and possible hearing. Chairman Oleen informed the committee that she would attempt to schedule a committee meeting April 30.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on call of the Chairman.