

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on February 14, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:     Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
                                  Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
                                  Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor  
                                  Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Others attending:     Please see attached

On behalf of Senator Karin Brownlee, Theresa Kiernan asked the committee to introduce a bill concerning the uses of the money in the heritage trust fund.

Senator Gooch made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion passed.

On behalf of Senator Dave Jackson, Ms. Kiernan asked the committee to introduce two bills. She stated that his first bill would prohibit convicted arsonists from being allowed to be employed or volunteer for a fire department. She stated that the second bill concerned what building code would be applied for fire safety standards.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the bills. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion passed.

On behalf of Senator Lynn Jenkins, Ms. Kiernan asked the committee to introduce a bill concerning the separation of gifted and handicapped students so that gifted procedures would be less stringent.

Senator Teichman made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Barnett seconded. The motion passed.

Bob Alderson, Kansas Greyhound Association, asked the committee to introduce a bill to allow slot machines at parimutuel race tracks. He stated that it was similar to **SB 156** last year, but there would be a different percentage of monies allowed to the greyhounds.

Senator Gooch asked Mr. Alderson if the point of the bill was to allow slots or gaming at the race tracks or to authorize people to vote if they want to have that, and Mr. Alderson replied that it was authorization to vote for it. Senator Gooch asked Mr. Alderson if there was any reason to think that this would not pass as a bill that would authorize people to vote. Mr. Alderson stated that it makes it more palatable to the Legislature to know that the people in the county that is affected will have the right to vote on it.

Senator Gilstrap made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Teichman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Kiernan stated that yesterday in the Post Audit committee, they distributed a report concerning gaming revenues, and this committee is supposed to get a copy of it. She stated that the report specifically references **HB 2183**, so it would be pretty much applicable to this bill with that one change as far as the distribution.

The committee meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on February 19, 2002.

