

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancey Harrington at 10:45 a.m. on March 11, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Gilstrap, excused
Senator O'Connor, excused

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.

Chairperson Harrington spoke to the committee about a previously discussed committee resolution to protect the Pledge of Allegiance and the national motto "In God We Trust".

Senator Teichman made a motion to introduce a committee resolution to protect the Pledge and national motto. Senator Lyon seconded the motion. The resolution was introduced.

Chairperson Harrington opened the confirmation hearing for:

Beth M. Bradrick, Ph.D., Member on the Kansas Human Rights Commission

The committee was presented copies of Dr. Bradrick's Confirmation Information Summary. (Attachment 1)

Senator Gooch made a motion to reappoint Dr. Bradrick as a member on the KS Human Rights Commission. Senator Brungardt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Kiernan presented the committee with a copy of a balloon amendment to **SB 108–Lottery; operation of video lottery machines**. (Attachment 2)

Ms. Kiernan then briefed the committee on each of the gaming bills and their origins. She presented a sheet from the Kansas Legislative Research Department entitled, "Comparison of Selected Bills Concerning Gaming". (Attachment 3)

Following discussion, Senator Gooch asked the Chair how she planned to proceed with the hearings.

Chairperson Harrington stated that she would allow time to hear testimony with written testimony to reference, and that this issue would be treated like other weighty issues. The Chair stated that she was confident that those that are here can work within the time frame.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.