

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:45 a.m. on January 21, 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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Tracy Diel, Executive Director, Racing and Gaming Commission

Others attending: Please see attached.

Chairperson Harrington opened the meeting by welcoming back both committee members and staff. The chair congratulated Senator Vratil for becoming Vice-President of the Senate, Senator Teichman for chairmanship of the FI&I committee, Senator Gilstrap for the new democratic governorship, and Russell Mills for the success of his son's academic and sports scholarships to Washburn University.

Chairperson Harrington opened the discussion on parimutuel racing and breakage. She asked Tracy Diel, Executive Director of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, to speak to the committee on these issues.

Mr. Diel requested the introduction of a bill and submitted testimony and a bill draft. (Attachment 1)

Senator O'Connor asked Mr. Diel how many owners were included in the eight to nine-thousand dollar figure. Mr. Diel stated that he would have to check, but that there were probably between 500-600 greyhound owners, meaning approximately \$100 per owner.

Ms. Kiernan asked if this bill would be applied in the future, then shouldn't she cross out the second paragraph, because it would limit it to racetracks that were conducting races on or before the 31st of 2001, and she wondered if that was necessary.

Mr. Diel stated that it may no longer be necessary. He stated that hopefully they would know enough in advance if the track were closing to be able to run a final open stakes race, but even in that case, there would still be a small amount of money that would not be distributed.

Senator O'Connor stated that she questioned the language of the bill. Mr. Diel suggested the language reflect the fact that this was an option in which 50% would go to open stakes, and 50% would go to the Kansas-whelped Program. He stated that in the state of Kansas, there are two organizations that deal with racing at

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racetracks: the person who owns the racetrack, known as facility manager, and the organization licensee, which is a charitable organization that remains whether the ownership changes or not; the latter maintains the breakage funds.

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

Chairperson Harrington asked the committee for any other bill introductions.

Senator Barnett stated that he would like to ask the committee for the introduction of a bill concerning impoundment of certain vehicles in response to a request made to him by a family in Atchison whose son had been killed by an eight-time convicted drunk driver.

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

Chairperson Harrington briefly reviewed the committee's schedule for the upcoming week, noting Tuesday, January 28, for the impoundment hearing, and Thursday, January 30, for a joint meeting with House Federal and State Affairs for a tribal update on gaming.

Chairperson Harrington reminded the committee that it would be meeting at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, and that Bob Longino, Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control, would be giving them an update.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2003 in Room 245-N.