

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on February 15, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Bleeker, excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department  
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Chuck Yunkers, Individual  
Christine Reilly, National Center for Responsible Gaming

Others attending: See Attached list

Chairman Oleen stated that she had been contacted by an individual who wished to address the committee with some issues concerning **SCR 1634-Kansas Korean War Memorial**. She recognized Chuck Yunkers, Topeka.. Mr. Yunkers stated that he was appearing before the committee as an individual not representing any veterans groups. He stated that by making the Korean War Memorial located in Wichita the Kansas Memorial by statute would set a precedence since all memorials noted by Kansas statutes are located on our statehouse grounds. The Vietnam Memorial in Junction City was designated by a resolution and he felt that **SCR 1634** was appropriate as a resolution. Mr. Yunkers explained that when the Kansas Veterans Memorial Walk was built, it was necessary to raise funds for maintenance. He was concerned that if the Korean War Memorial in Wichita became the Kansas Memorial by statute some of these funds might be used for its maintenance.

Chairman Oleen recognized Christine Reilly, from the National Center for Responsible Gaming (NCRG). Ms. Reilly stated that NCRG is a nonprofit organization founded in 1996 with an annual budget of 1.2 million dollars. She stated that the mission of this organization is to help individuals and families affected by pathological gambling through the following: a) support finest peer-reviewed scientific research on gambling disorder, b) promote application of new research findings to prevention and treatment programs and c) enhance public awareness of pathological gambling and youth gambling. Ms. Reilly stated that 1.6% of the adult population fulfill the diagnostic criteria for a gambling disorder and 3.85 % of adult population could develop problems. The statistics for the youth population is greater with 5.77% of youth fulfilling the criteria for a gambling disorder and 14.82% that could develop a problem with gambling. Ms. Reilly stated that the goals of NCRG's research Grants Program is to a) introduce the most rigorous standards of scientific inquiry, b) attract leading scientists in mental health research to gambling studies and c) to promote the use of cutting-edge methods such as brain imaging in gambling research.

Following questions from the committee, Chairman Oleen thanked Christine Reilly for appearing before the committee.

Chairman Oleen called for action on minutes for February 8 and February 10. Senator Jones moved to approve the minutes. Senator Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be February 16, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.