

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Doug Mays at 1:35 p.m. on February 13, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Theresa M. Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Troy Findley
Tracy T. Diel, Executive Director, State Gaming Agency
Donna Doolin, Assistant Director of Substance Abuse Treatment & Recovery Program (SRS)
Robert H. Poresky PhD, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University

Others attending: See attached list

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Representative Mason establishing venture capital by Kansas Inc. [HB 2505]

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Representative Cook requiring non-residents abide by state law regarding abortion. [HB 2527]

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Representative Cook regarding partial-birth abortion ban. [HB 2371]

Chairman opened the hearing on HB 2224.

Representative Findley stated the Legislative Coordinating Council is currently empowered to act on behalf of the entire Legislature on tribal gaming compacts when the Legislature is not in session. (Attachment #1) This bill would allow a special session of the Legislature to be called for the purpose of considering tribal gaming compacts.

Fiscal note (Attachment #2) on **HB 2224** estimates costs of \$78,778 were a two-day special session to be called. No other individuals appeared regarding this bill.

Hearing on HB 2224 was closed.

Chairman opened the hearing on HB 2216.

Mr. Diel testified in favor of the five (5) amendments to the Tribal Gaming Oversight Act (TGOA) which this bill would encompass as noted in written testimony (Attachment #3).

Amendment 1: K.S.A. 74-9803 originally passed by the 1996 Legislature moved the State Gaming Agency (SGA) from the Department of Commerce and Housing (KDOCH) to the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission (KRGC). However, K.S.A. 74-8810 states all employees of the KRGC are prohibited from engaging in parimutuel wagering at racetracks regulated by the KRGC. This amendment would permit SGA employees to gamble at parimutuel racetracks while prohibited against gambling in Native American Indian casinos.

Amendment 2: SGA would be permitted to perform background investigations on agency personnel rather than by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. This would expedite training period and employee performance by bringing personnel on board in a more timely manner without negatively affecting employment standards.

Amendment 3: Amends K.S.A. 74-9805, SGA would gain accessibility to individual and corporate taxpayer information on gaming license applicants in order to complete background investigations in a more efficient manner.

Amendment 4: Would amend K.S.A. 74-9805 and would permit communication with other gambling regulatory agencies in other states.

Amendment 5: Would amend K.S.A. 74-9808 permitting penalties and interest accrual on advances the State Gaming Agency is provided by Tribes or applicants. Currently, there are conflicts between gaming compact and Kansas statutes that this amendment would rectify.

Current proposed language in **HB 2216** is identical to **SB 492** passed by the 2000 Kansas Senate. Fiscal note on **HB 2216** estimates no fiscal effect on either State Gaming Agency or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Hearing on **HB 2216** was closed.

Janet Schalansky, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) introduced Donna Doolin, the Assistant Director of Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery (SATR) who briefed the Committee on SRS's Problem Gambling Initiative (Attachment #4) enacted by the 2000 Legislature via **HB 2013**.

Ms. Doolin stated the 1-866-NO BET (1-866-662-3800) hotline for Kansans will be established and staffed by the Mental Health Consortium and the Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Centers. Public awareness efforts will increase to "put a face" on problem gambling by helping individuals, family members and professionals recognize the problem and know how to obtain to help. Extensive training was implemented in November, 2000 for approximately 20 professionals seeking certification.

Robert H. Poresky Ph.D., College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University provided information regarding the 1996 Statewide Survey and Regional Analysis (Attachment #5)

Representative Rehorn requested the minutes note Representative Ruff celebrated her 50th birthday today.

Adjourned at 2:45. The next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2001.