

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Vratil at 9:55 a.m. on February 2, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Research
Gordon Self, Revisor
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, Hein and Weir, Chartered

Others attending: see attached list

Minutes of the February 1, 2001 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Haley and seconded by Senator Umbarger. Carried.

SB 75—concerning joint committee on state-tribal relations

The Chair reviewed **SB 75**, a bill which sets forth recommended changes and procedures for the joint committee on state-tribal relations. Senator Oleen stated that this joint committee began two years ago and was formed to establish better relations with tribes. (no attachment)

SB 76—concerning state and tribal relations; re: agreements between the state and Native American Indian tribes

Conferee Hein testified in support of **SB 76**, a bill which authorizes the governor to enter into non-gaming compacts with the tribes which have entered into gaming compacts. He stated that this will permit a process by which the governor can negotiate compacts on other issues with the tribes if both parties are willing to enter into such compacts, issues such as: taxes, education, healthcare, and social services. This process requires involvement of the legislature for approval of the compacts. The Conferee called Committee's attention to an circa 1859 document which admitted Kansas into the Union. The document sets forth both Kansas rights as well as Indian tribe rights. (attachment 1) The Chair stated that Natalie Haag from the governor's office is preparing several balloon amendments to the bill one of which will broaden the bill allowing the governor to enter into other agreements with non-gaming tribes. Discussion followed.

The Chair distributed Senate Confirmation Data on Paula S. Salazar who is being recommended for re-appointment as a Member of the Crime Victims Compensation Board. Committee was asked to read the data over the weekend and decide whether or not they thought a formal hearing to re-confirm Ms. Salazar was necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.