

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 April 2, 2003 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

Others attending: Please see attached.

Chairperson Harrington asked Senator Lyon to present the subcommittee report on the gaming bills.

Senator Lyon presented the subcommittee report. (Attachment 1)

Following explanation, he presented the committee with a comparison between the two bills that the subcommittee had decided to pass along to the full committee without recommendation:

SB 226—Concerning electronic gaming machines and
SB 108—Concerning video lottery games

This chart presented the bills in their original forms and with the amendments made by the subcommittee. (Attachment 2)

Senator Lyon emphasized the committee's role in representing the interests of the state; he said that all of these bills had been drafted by groups that would benefit from them, and that should be taken into consideration.

Senator Gooch stated that the best results that could come from the subcommittee were to bring back two bills for the committee to consider rather than one, but that he hoped the committee would present these and see action on the issue.

Following further discussion, Senator Lyon made a motion to pass both **SB 226** and **SB 108** to the full Senate without recommendation. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion.

Senator Vratil stated that he was curious as to why the subcommittee had included wording about votes in contiguous counties every six years.

Senator Lyon responded that part of it had to do with the expense and the idea that every two years was pretty often to vote on the issue, and the other part had to do with the fact that the subcommittee had been impressed with the idea that areas will be changed by this decision, and those impacts extend beyond county lines. He stated that this was a real concern in rural communities because, positive or negative, the changes will take place in a big enough circumference to influence other counties.

Senator Vratil also raised concerns about competitive bidding and on what commodities that would be applied. Senator Lyon stated that it was to refer to a requirement for software etc. for the lottery to keep that under control.

Ms. Kiernan stated that there is a bidding requirement under state purchasing law regarding major procurement and that such a provision could be included under Lottery law. She went on to explain the issue further to the committee.

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Following further discussion, Senator Vratil stated that he would like to introduce a substitute motion.

Chairperson Harrington stated that she would not entertain a substitute motion right now. Senator Vratil said that he would respect the wishes of the Chair.

Senator Gooch stated that he was no longer sure what the committee was voting on.

Chairperson Harrington restated that motion from Senator Lyon, seconded by Senator O'Connor to pass **SB 226** and **SB 108** to the full Senate without recommendation. The motion passed.

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