

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfleid at 1:30 P.M. on March 19, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Judy Loganbill- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Carol Doel, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Lana Oleen
Doug Lawrence

Others attending:

See attached list

The Chairman opened the meeting and directed the Committees' attention to information which had been requested by Representative Brown and was provided by Kathie Sparks of Legislative Research regarding *Neighboring States' Racing and Gaming Executive Director Qualifications*. (Attachment 1)

The Chairman asked Lana Oleen to stand for questions on **HB 2569** - Kansas destination casino act; destination casino commission. Ms. Oleen had previously given testimony on behalf of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as an opponent to the bill on Thursday, March 14th. Ms. Oleen submitted a copy of the casino lobbyists directory sorted by lobbyist. (Attachment 2)

The Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2569** and opened the hearing on **HB 2568** - Kansas destination casino act; destination casino commission; state owned and operated.

Doug Lawrence representing the Kansas Greyhound Association presented testimony as an opponent to **HB 2568**. The primary reason for their opposition to the bill is that it leaves the live greyhound and horse industry out of any reasonable consideration for allowing some additional gaming to adequately compete in the Kansas marketplace. Mr. Lawrence stated that he had asked to be neutral to the bill because he wished to speak on the issue of "State Owned and Operated Casino" requirements under the Kansas Constitution. He further voiced the opinion that **HB 2568** would create a new commission, which has the power to essentially take any of the three approaches considered in drafting of the original bill. (Attachment 3)

Mr. Lawrence also submitted for the Committee review a copy of *Gaming Industry FAQ* (Attachment 4), information from The Jockey Club regarding gross purses (Attachment 5), information regarding *Concerns about the Social and Psychological Impacts of Gambling* (Attachment 6), as well as *State Owned and Operated Lotteries* (Attachment 7).

Written testimony as an opponent to **HB 2568** was submitted by Denny Burgess, a member of The Kansas Thoroughbred Association (Attachment 8), and Ronald Hein, on behalf of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. (Attachment 9)

With no other person wishing to speak to the bill, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2568**.

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.