

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on February 18, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office
John Beverlin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Tom Palace, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas
Rex Haney, Kansas State Bowling Proprietors Association
Vern Schwanke, Colby Bowl Fun Center
Glenn Thompson, Stand Up for Kansas
Garry Winget, Kansans for Addiction Prevention
Beatrice Swoopes, Kansas Catholic Conference
Major Mark Martsolf, The Salvation Army
Ruth Ann Schoonover
Jean Plummer

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brungardt called the meeting to order and opened the second day for hearings on **SB 499 Kansas expanded gaming opportunity act; authorizing destination casinos, electronic and video gaming and other games at certain locations**. He welcomed Ron Hein to the podium.

Mr. Hein presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 1).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Hein and called Tom Palace to the podium.

Mr. Palace presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 2).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Palace and welcomed Rex Haney to the podium.

Mr. Haney presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Haney and welcomed Vern Schwanke to the podium.

Mr. Schwanke presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 4).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Schwanke and welcomed Glenn Thompson to the podium.

Mr. Thompson presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Thompson and welcomed Garry Winget to the podium.

Mr. Winget presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 6).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Winget and welcomed Beatrice Swoopes to the podium.

Ms. Swoopes presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 7).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Swoopes and welcomed Major Mark Martsolf to the podium.

Major Martsolf explained to the committee that he was from the Salvation Army. He further explained to the committee the effects of gambling on the population. He stated the Salvation Army had seen an increase in need in Missouri due to the increase in problem gamblers.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Major Martsolf and welcomed Ruth Ann Schoonover to the podium.

Ms. Schoonover presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 8).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Schoonover and welcomed Jean Plummer to the podium.

Ms. Plummer presented testimony against **SB 499** (Attachment 9).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Plummer and called the committee's attention to written testimony. Written testimony was presented by the Kansas Charities Cooperative (Attachment 10), Kevin G. Neuman (Attachment 11), and Mayor Stephanie Eickhoff of the City of Edwardsville, a proponent of the bill (Attachment 12). He then asked the committee for questions.

Senator Barnett asked whether research could validate Mr. Thompson's statement about the lack of prohibition against an elected official or his or her family members working for or owning a casino.

Chairperson Brungardt asked the researcher to find the answerer to Senator Barnett's question.

Theresa Kiernan explained to Senator Barnett that the bill puts limits on individuals employed by the lottery concerning their ties to casinos. She also explained that if a legislator is appointed to the gaming commission, they would also be restricted.

Senator Barnett asked whether an independent impact study had been done. He explained that if such a study had not been done, if answerers could be found for the questions raised by Ms. Plummer's testimony.

Chairperson Brungardt stated there had been several different types of impact studies done, but none for the state of Kansas.

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee for additional questions. None were asked.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. in room 231-N.