

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 17, 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:

Larry Waldrop, Riverfalls Gaming LLC.  
John Pinegar, Butler National Corporation  
Matthew All, Chief Council, Governor's Office  
Dan Carey, President, Benedictine College  
Rod Barnes, City Manager, Junction City  
David Bossemeyer, President / CEO, Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce  
Mike Taylor, Unified Government of Wyandotte County  
Larry Seckington, Woodlands Racetrack  
Tom Manning, Director of Marketing, Prairie Meadows Racetrack of Iowa  
Betty Melson, Director of Economic Development, Greenwood County Kansas  
Robin Jennison, Ruffin Companies  
Jeff Rutland, Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association  
Doug Lawrence, Kansas Greyhound Association  
Steve Ward, President, Kansas Greyhound Association  
Pam Davis, Kansas Thoroughbred Association  
Steve Kerney, Kansas Fraternal Organizations

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brungardt called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **SB 499--Kansas expanded gaming opportunity act; authorizing destination casinos, electronic and video gaming and other games at certain locations**. He welcomed Larry Waldrop to the podium.

Mr. Waldrop presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** (Attachment 1).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Waldrop and welcomed John Pinegar to the podium.

Mr. Pinegar presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** (Attachment 2).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Pinegar and welcomed Matthew All to the podium.

Mr. All presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** and provided possible amendments to the bill (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. All and welcomed Dan Carey to the podium.

Mr. Carey presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** (Attachment 4), including an amendment to the bill (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Carey and welcomed Rod Barnes to the podium.

Mr. Barnes presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** and provided reasons for including Junction City Kansas as a location for consideration of a destination casino (Attachment 6) and (Attachment 7).

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Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Barnes and welcomed David Bossemeyer to the podium.

Mr. Bossemeyer presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 8](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Bossemeyer and welcomed Mike Taylor to the podium.

Mr. Taylor presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 9](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Taylor and welcomed Larry Seckington to the podium.

Mr. Seckington presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** and the desire of the Woodlands to include a destination casino ([Attachment 10](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Seckington and welcomed Tom Manning to the podium.

Mr. Manning presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** including material that presents the economic impact of Prairie Meadows Racetrack on Iowa's economy and the racehorse industry ([Attachment 11](#)), ([Attachment 12](#)), ([Attachment 13](#)), and ([Attachment 14](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Manning and welcomed Betty Melson to the podium.

Ms. Melson presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** including the economic effect of Eureka Downs on the local and state economy ([Attachment 15](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Melson and welcomed Robin Jennison to the podium.

Mr. Jennison presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 16](#)). He asked the committee to consider the number of VLTs allowed in para-mutuel facilities.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Jennison and welcomed Jeff Rutland to the podium.

Mr. Rutland presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 17](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Rutland and welcomed Doug Lawrence to the podium.

Mr. Lawrence presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 18](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Lawrence and welcomed Steve Ward to the podium.

Mr. Ward presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 19](#)). He also presented to the committee a card with benefits of the greyhound industry. The card also included a map detailing the location of greyhound breeders in Kansas ([Attachment 20](#)).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Ward and welcomed Pam Davis.

Ms. Davis presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 21](#)). She also talked about the 1996 Kansas Equine Survey.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Davis and welcomed Steve Kearney to the podium.

Mr. Kearney presented testimony in favor of **SB 499** ([Attachment 22](#)) concerning fraternal organizations and their desire to be included in expanded gaming.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Kearney and pointed out to the committee written testimony that had been handed-out.

Written testimony presented came from Mayor Carlos Mayans of the City of Wichita ([Attachment 23](#)),

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Michael Pepoon of Sedgwick County (Attachment 24), Jim DeHoff of Kansas AFL-CIO (Attachment 25), and Wayne Ward of the Kansas Greyhound Kennel Owner's Association (Attachment 26).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in room 231-N.