

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 March 21, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jennie Chinn, Kansas Historical Society
Timothy Shultz, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission
Jay Shadwick, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission
Dennis McKinney, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission
Raymond Roberts, Kansas Department of Corrections

Others attending:

See attached list.

Confirmation Hearings:

Chairman Brungardt stated the committee would be conducting five appointment hearings for confirmation; four are new appointments: Raymond Roberts, Secretary of Corrections, Timothy Shultz, member of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, Jay Shadwick, member of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, Dennis McKinney, member of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, and one for re-appointment: Jennie Chinn, Executive Director of the Historical Society.

Kansas Historical Society - Executive Director

The Chairman welcomed Jennie Chinn to the podium for comments. Ms. Chinn provided a brief biographical overview of her experiences, education and her work at the Kansas Historical Society. The Chairman called for questions regarding the re-appointment of confirmation. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Committee thanked Ms. Chinn for her great work and service to the State of Kansas.

Secretary of Corrections

Raymond Roberts provided a brief biographical overview of his experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. ([Attachment 2](#)) The Committee asked if public safety was compromised with all the budget cuts in the Department of Corrections. The Secretary stated that the Department has had to get creative in using a collapsed post for guards, focus on the high risk area with good perimeters, the use of nonprofits and volunteers, and has had several visits with the Governor on the budget cuts to KDOC, and the Governor has stated that there might be the possibility of utilizing some year end monies.

Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission

Staff provided information on the duties and functions of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission and the Kansas Lottery; minutes from the February 17, 2011 meeting, the agenda for the March 11, 2011 Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission meetings, and K.S.A. 74-8804 Powers and duties of the commission. ([Attachment 3](#))

The chairman called Dennis McKinney to the podium. Mr. McKinney provided a brief biographical overview of his experience, education, and his goals and views on the gaming business in Kansas. Mr.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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McKinney stated that he did not vote for gaming when he was in the legislature, but he would uphold and administrate correctly the statute, and that is what he would do on the gaming laws of Kansas.(Attachment 4)

Jay Shadwick provided a brief biographical overview of his experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 5) The Committee asked if there were any changes he would propose in the current law; does he think Kansas should have the most restrictive regulations in the United States; and about certain areas of the state that have breeders of greyhounds and horses; and racing is not very active in the state as casinos have taken over the industry would Mr. Shadwick look at the state as a whole and what is best for the state. Mr. Shadwick stated that he is not a proponent or a fan of gambling; the greater issue is whether the state should be sponsoring gaming and that there is very good arguments on both sides.

Timothy Shultz provided a brief overview of his education and work experience. The Chairman called for questions and discussion regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 6) The Committee asked if Mr. Shultz had any moral or legal objections to gaming; would he change any of the laws that deal with gaming, should the commission get more involved in problem gambling, if he feels that since he is anti-gaming that is why he was appointed. Mr. Shultz stated that he felt that was not why he was appointed, and he had not been involved on the corporate side, but feels he has experience with regulation to be able to be of assistance to the commission.

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmations.

Senator Abrams made a motion to move to the full senate the confirmation for appointment of Raymond Roberts, Secretary of Corrections, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; Timothy Shultz, Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, which expires January 15, 2013; Dennis McKinney, Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, which expires January 15, 2015; Jay Shadwick, Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, which expires January 15, 2015; and re-appointment of Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.