

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Senator Roger Reitz

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
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Colonel Keith Lang, Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard
Phillis Setchell, State Civil Service Board
Rick Petersen-Klein, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission
Mark Dodd, State Gaming Agency
Joanne Budler, Kansas State Librarian

Others attending:

See attached list.

Confirmation Hearings:

Chairman Brungardt stated the committee would be conducting five hearings for confirmation: Colonel Keith Lang, Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard, Phillis Setchell, State Civil Service Board, Rick Petersen-Klein, Executive Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, Mark Dodd, Executive Director, State Gaming Agency, and Joanne Budler, Kansas State Librarian, a re-appointment.

The Chairman welcomed Colonel Keith Lang to the podium for comments. Colonel Lang provided a brief biographical overview of his military and federal government experience and his education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. ([Attachment 1](#))

Senator Morris made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation for appointment of Colonel Keith Lang, to Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard; to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman asked Phillis Setchell to come to the podium for comments. Ms. Setchell provided a brief biographical overview of her experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. ([Attachment 2](#))

The committee asked Ms. Setchell what preparation she had done to serve on the State Civil Service Board, would her background in faith based organization and school boards have any impact on her decision making with regard to employees and employment: and what benefits do long time employees have in the restructuring of state departments. Ms. Setchell stated that she would only base her decisions on the facts and the statutes and that one of the organizations she worked for is no longer operational.

Rick Petersen-Klein provided a brief overview of his work experience and educations. The Chairman called for questions regard the confirmation. ([Attachment 3](#))

The committee asked specifically about Mr. Petersen-Klein's background in regard to the requirement by statutes to have familiarity with horse and dog racing industries being sufficient to fulfill the duties of the executive director, and his opinion on gaming. Mr. Petersen-Klein stated that even though he was not directly involved with the racing industry in his previous work experience, that racing was a part of it. Mr. Petersen-Klein stated that he would uphold the legislation enacted by the state and maintain the highest level possible, but felt the issue of gaming was one of policy, and he would make the best policy decision.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the Federal and State Committee at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

The chairman asked Mark Dodd to come to the podium for comments. Mr. Dodd provided a brief biographical overview of his work experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 4)

The committee asked if Mr. Dodd would there be a conflict of interest:

- Representing the Sax and Fox Nation regarding the Wyandotte Compact
- The Wyandotte Nation and the trust that has been set up for another casino in Park City.

Mr. Dodd stated that there would not be a conflict and went over the way the State gaming is basically a fee based agency and does a reassessment each year with the four Kansas tribes.

The next conferee Joanne Budler's confirmation is a reappointment for State Librarian. (Attachment 5) The committee asked what challenges the State Library would be facing. The most pressing with funding; some of the Federal funding will be reduced next year, especially for the state in equity of access.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.