

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 May 4, 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

Others attending:

See attached list.

Final Action:

SB 241--Amendments to the Kansas expanded lottery act

Senator Owens proposed an amendment that reduces the 2% of casino revenue and gaming machine income that currently goes to the problem gambling and addictions fund to only 1%. The amendment also requires that 1% of casino revenue and gaming machine income would be credited to the development and promotions fund of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for the purpose of tourism promotion.

Senator Owens moved the amendment. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Reitz moved to pass SB 241 out favorably as amended. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Abrams and Senator Ostmeyer requested to be recorded as a no vote.

Confirmation Hearings:

Chairman asked the pleasure of the committee on the four remaining confirmations, and would accept a single motion without objection. The committee stated they would like to pull Phillis Setchell out.

Senator Ostmeyer made a motion to move to the full senate the confirmation for appointment of Rick Petersen-Klein, Executive Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; Mark Dodd, Executive Director, State Gaming Agency, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and the re-appointment of Joanne Budler, Kansas State Librarian, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman opened the meeting for committee discussion on the confirmation of Phillis Setchell to the State Civil Board. The committee question the ability of a person who has worked as a dental assistant, did volunteer work, and worked on campaigns. The statutory requirements is party affiliation requirement be no more than three members of the Board may belong to the same political party. Statutory industry or occupation requirements: no member of the board may hold any other public office or public employment, except military office or the office of notary public. The requirements of the Board is very broad.

Senator Ostmeyer made a motion to move to the full senate the confirmation for appointment of Phillis Setchell, member, State Civil Service Board, term to expire March 15, 2015. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.