

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:15 a.m. on January 25 , 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Brad Hamilton, Director, Office of Indian Affairs

Others attending: See Attached list

Russell Mills, Legislative Research Services, gave the committee an update on the Report of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations to the 2000 Kansas Legislature. A copy of this report can be obtained from the Legislative Research Department, State Capitol. Russell Mills presented background information on the creation of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations and its responsibilities through the statutory authority. Senator Oleen served as chair of the Joint Committee during the 1999 interim session. The Joint Committee received briefings and updates on various issues relevant to the topic of state-tribal relations. A Subcommittee on State-Tribal Gaming Compact Guidelines was appointed to review and compare the suggested checklist recommended by the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States. The Joint Committee concludes that there are a number of areas in which state-tribal relations have been productive and beneficial to both the state and the tribes. The members believe that the Joint Committee will be a useful forum to allow for improved communication and cooperation. Three bills have been proposed by the Joint Committee and will be considered by them this week.

Senator Vatri, Chairman of the Sub Committee on Gaming Compacts responded to questions from the committee members concerning the recommended guidelines to be transmitted to the Governor for consideration during any potential future gaming compact negotiations.

Chairman Oleen recognized Brad Hamilton, Director, Office of Indian Affairs. Mr. Hamilton stated that the Kansas Office of Indian Affairs was created at the Governor's direction in the Department of Human Resources. It has been charged with promoting a greater understanding and awareness of the Native Americans, as well as programs of public education and awareness. Mr. Hamilton announced that a law conference strengthening Kansas Tribal Nations entitled Kansas Four Tribes Bar Bench Conference-2000 was being held January 27, 2000 at Horton, Kansas and participants would qualify for 7 hours of continuing law credit. Members of the committee were encouraged to inform others of the opportunity.

Chairman Oleen called for action on minutes of the Committee for January 19, January 20 and Rail meeting January 21. Senator Harrington moved to accept the minutes before the committee. Senator Biggs seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2000 at 11:00 a.m._