

The Senate Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming committee met on Monday, January 31, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 112, Capitol. The following members were present:

Vickerman, Chair
Skoe, Vice Chair
Day
Dille
Hann
Johnson, D.
Koering
Lourey
Murphy
Nienow
Rest
Solon
Wergin

Senator Sams was absent.

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. He called on Clint Harris from the Lottery.

Clint Harris, Executive Director, Minnesota State Lottery, he presented the "Lottery Organizational Task Force Report." **"SEE ATTACHMENT A."**

He stated the task force was given two charges. First, to consider whether the lottery should be part of another state agency, be accountable to a new oversight board or commission, continue under its current structure, or operate under some other structure and two, consider the feasibility of measurable performance goals for the lottery.

He stated the lottery is very different today than the one portrayed in the 2005 legislative audit. All 49 audit recommendations have been initiated, and the lottery's contributions to the state exceeded \$100 million for the first time.

Don Feeney, Research and Planning Director, MN State Lottery, stated three out of every 5 people buy a lottery ticket.

Senator Rest presented S.F. 406, a bill establishing a lottery board. Senator Rest moved the A-1 amendment. AMENDMENT PASSED. Senator Rest moved the A-2 amendment. AMENDMENT PASSED.

Senator Rest stated this would be a seven member board. Three people have to be from Greater Minnesota, and they would be required to meet quarterly.

Senator Hann asked if the lottery has any kind of handle on compulsive gambling?

Don Feeney, Research and Planning Director, MN State Lottery, stated the University of Chicago did a study over an eight-year period. Out of 1,000 people eight of them said lottery games were their problem. Four percent were calling the help line. He stated buying lottery tickets is not a major contributor to problem gambling and seven percent of income is coming from problem gamblers.

Senator Rest moved S.F. 406, as amended, be passed and rereferred to State and Local Government Operations. BILL PASSED.

Senator Vickerman stated we would take up Clint Harris' confirmation.

Mr. Harris stated he started on October 11, 2004. He worked for the South Dakota Lottery and they were the first state to create a video lottery program. He stated the lottery should provide information regarding a casino and discussion should take place what is appropriate.

Senator Vickerman stated he wants Mr. Harris to keep an open mind on the LCMR.

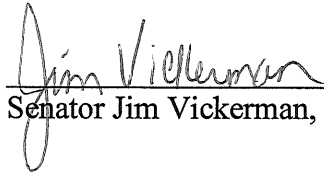
Mr. Harris stated it is his charge to raise revenues so the state has more to spend.

Senator Murphy moved to recommend confirmation of Clint Harris as Executive Director of the Minnesota State Lottery.

MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

This meeting was taped.



Senator Jim Vickerman, Chair



by/ Sandi Brown

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3:00 p.m. Room 112, Capitol

AGENDA

Lottery Organization Task Force Report.

Clint Harris, Director, Minnesota State Lottery

S.F. 406-Rest: Establishing a State Lottery Board.

Confirmation Hearing: Clint Harris, Minnesota State Lottery

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Ag., Vets. & Gaming
 Date: Monday January 24, 31st, 2005 Start Time: 3:10 pm

Agenda

3:11pm	Bill # (or Topic)	Clint Harris, Director, NV Lottery
	Author	Confirmation hearing Task Force Report
	Short Descriptor	
	Action(s)	
3:20pm	Bill # (or Topic)	SF. 406
	Author	REST
	Short Descriptor	State Lottery Board Board
3:55pm	Action(s)	Adopted, sent to State and local Government and Finance
3:57pm	Bill # (or Topic)	Clint Harris
	Author	
	Short Descriptor	Confirmation Hearing
	Action(s)	Adopted and sent to senate floor
	Bill # (or Topic)	
	Author	
	Short Descriptor	
	Action(s)	