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The Honorable Charles A. Berg
State Senator
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Dear Senator Berg and Representative Kahn:

This report is submitted in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 3.9221, subd. 5 (1992) which provides: "[t]he governor, the attorney general and the governor's designated representatives shall report to the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over gambling regulation. . . [t]his report shall contain information on compacts negotiated, and an outline of prospective negotiations."

The Tribal-State Compact Negotiating Committee ("Committee") received no requests to negotiate or amend the compacts in 1993. However, the Committee was informed that the Upper Sioux Community requested a technical amendment to its blackjack compact. Under the compact, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chair of the Tribe, can amend the technical sections. Consequently, the Upper Sioux Community sought a technical change to allow for playing cards which do not contain a border. Currently, the compact requires playing cards with a border. The parties have exchanged correspondence and discussions are continuing.

The Committee met last summer to discuss the current operation of Indian gaming under existing compacts and related enforcement issues. A brief summary of the present level of Indian gaming in Minnesota is provided with this report and is attached as Appendix A.

Under current compacts, the Department of Public Safety's Gambling Enforcement Division conducts background checks on employees and tests the video games of chance located at the casinos. Currently, 14,000 background investigations are conducted each year

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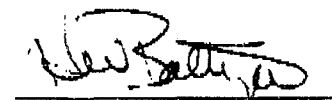
on management officials and employees involved in Indian gaming. Also, a small percentage of machines are tested annually by Gambling Enforcement personnel.

Also, discussions regarding amendments to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act are taking place nationally pursuant to a request from Senator Daniel Inouye, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Earlier this year Senator Inouye requested representatives of Indian tribes, the National Governors Association and the National Association of Attorneys General meet to discuss issues of concern and attempt to reach consensus on a bill. Meetings occurred throughout the summer and fall of 1993. The parties have thus far been unsuccessful in reaching a consensus. Much of the discussion has focused on the standards to be applied in determining what type of gaming, if any, an Indian tribe may conduct in a particular state. Senator Inouye has indicated he will propose a bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act before Congress adjourns regardless of whether a consensus bill emerges from the meetings.

Indian gaming has become big business and continues to expand. The state should provide adequate resources to monitor Indian gaming within the constraints of the compacts and the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to mitigate problems which may arise.


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Minnesota Indian Gaming Casino Information

Tribe	Casino	Casino Location	Blackjack Tables¹	Video Games of Chance²
Bois Forte Reservation	Fortune Bay Casino	Tower	16	250
Fond Du Lac Reservation	Fond-du-Luth	Dukuth	0	341
	Black Bear Casino	Cloquet	32	952
	(Big Bucks Casino & Bingo - closed early 1993)	Cloquet	0	0
Grand Portage Reservation	Grand Portage Casino	Grand Portage	6	199
Leech Lake Reservation	Northern Lights Casino	Walker	12	523
	Palace Bingo & Casino	Cass Lake	12	485
Lower Sioux Reservation	Jackpot Junction	Morton	64	1,200
Mille Lacs Band of Chippewas	Grand Casino	Mille Lacs	48	1,150
	Grand Casino	Hinckley	52	1,500

APPENDIX A

¹Source: Minnesota Indian Gaming Association
²Ibid.

Tribe	Casino	Casino Location	Blackjack Tables	Video Games of Chance
Prairie Island Reservation	Treasure Island Casino	Welch	53	1,200
Red Lake Reservation	Lake of the Woods Casino	Warroad	9	250
	River Road Casino	Thief River Falls	10	279
	Red Lake Casino & Bingo Palace	Red Lake	3	90
Sikopce Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Mystic Lake Casino - expanded to include new Dakota Country Casino	Prior Lake	128	1,971
	Little Six Bingo	Prior Lake	18	465
Upper Sioux Reservation	Firefly Creek Casino	Granite Falls	12	349
White Earth Reservation	Shooting Star Casino	Mahnomen	32	900
Total			507	12,104