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2003 HOUSE JUDICIARY

HB 1274

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1274 & 1495

House Judiciary Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-5-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		xxx	17-end
Committee Clerk Signature <i>APenrose</i>			

Minutes: 13 members present.

Chairman DeKrey: We will open the hearing on HB 1274 and HB 1495. They will be heard together.

Rep. Dave Weiler: Introduced HB 1274.

Rep. Boehning: Introduced HB 1495.

Rep. Delmore: Support HB 1495 and HB 1274. I have always been an advocate for the charitable gaming industry. We set it up to give them some money towards their good causes.

Rep. Tom Kelsch: Support - we need to allow the charities to run gaming (see attached testimony and survey, tape 1, side b, 19.4-31).

Rep. Klemin: With this combination of bills, will this allow charities to run casinos with all the games.

Rep. Kelsch: Right now they would be able to operate some type of casino if they want, to operate the games that are allowed now. If both passed, they would be able to operate an

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establishment that had poker and also had the game devices. Whether they would operate a casino like Prairie Knights Casino, I don't know that that would happen, but I don't know of anything that would prohibit that.

Rep. Klemin: Could they?

Rep. Kelsch: I don't think there would be anything to prevent them from doing it now, with the games that are allowed.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Rick Stenseth, Charitable Gaming Association of ND: We support both bills (tape 1, side b, 33-41).

Rep. Onstad: Has charitable gaming ever considered a joint venture with casinos.

Mr. Stenseth: No, this haven't been pursued, since tribal pacs are negotiated with the Governor and ours are administered by the Legislative body.

Rep. Klemin: I don't know anything about what is in the agreements with the tribes, is there anything in those agreements that would preclude charitable gaming?

Mr. Stenseth: No, I don't think so. Those are individual tribal pacs negotiated with the Governor and don't effect the legislative authority over charitable gaming.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Remy Brook, Charitable Gaming Association: Support. (43.2-44.6)

Gary Fournier, Gaming Manager for the Greater Grand Forks Convention & Visitors

Bureau: Support (44.8-47.0).

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

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Warren DeKrey, ND Council on Gambling Problems: Oppose (Tape 1, side b, 47.7-end,
Tape 2, side a 0-1.8) ND already has legal charitable games.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Governor Link, ND Council on Gambling Problems: Opposed (Tape 2, side a 1.8-5) What is
the impact of gambling in ND. All we are talking about here is the money that will be raised, at
what cost to the people of ND.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Wayne Wolf: Opposed (5-11.3) Gambling ruined my life, now that I have my life back, I
moved to North Dakota since South Dakota is filthy with gambling. Don't made ND the same as
SD.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Warren Wenzel, Methodist pastor: Opposed (see attached testimony, 11.6-16).

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Christina Kendel, ND Family Alliance: Opposed (see attached testimony, 16.1-22.4). Enough
is enough, we are gambling with the future of our children.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Stephen Wisthoff, ND Council on Gambling Problems: (see attached testimony) Opposed.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Kurt Luger, Indian Gaming: Opposed (24.6-34.5).

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you. Any questions.

Rep. Onstad: What are the tribal councils doing on behalf of the gambling addiction of your
members.

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Mr. Luger: We worked with the 1996, and in 1997 we signed a statewide gambling contract with Mental Health Association. We again increased our contribution this year by 21%, and we also spend \$50,000 on the reservations separately.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you.

Keith Lauer, A.G.'s office: The AG is neutral.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you. We will now close the hearing.

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Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2		x	48-50
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Al Penrose</i>			

Minutes: 13 members present.

Chairman DeKrey: What are the committee's wishes in regard to HB 1274.

Rep. Klemin: There are amendments proposed to this bill. I move the amendments from Rep.

Kelsch, pg 1, line 9 after "tournament" insert "or nontournament".

Rep. Kretschmar: Seconded.

Voice vote: Carried.

Rep. Grande: I move a Do Not Pass as amended.

Rep. Bernstein: Seconded.

7 YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED CARRIER: Rep. Bernstein

