

Jennison's support for gambling at odds with GOP

TOPEKA (AP) — As former House Speaker Robin Jennison opened his campaign Tuesday for the Republican nomination for governor, his stance in favor of expanded gambling put him at odds with the GOP's new state platform.

Jennison, from Healy, lobbied in favor of state-owned casinos and slot machines at dog and horse tracks after leaving the Legislature six years ago. Jennison said Tuesday that more than 40 percent of the state's population already lives within 50 miles of a casino, either in Missouri or operated by an American Indian tribe in Kansas.

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Under the state constitution, only the state and Indian tribes can own casinos, though proposals to permit state-owned ones typically assume private companies will build and manage them. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius supports expanded gambling as a way to raise additional dollars for the state.

Jennison's support for expanded gambling contrasts with a statement opposing state-owned casinos included in a platform the GOP State Committee approved during the weekend.

Sen. Jim Barnett, of Emporia, one of five other candidates seeking the Republican nomination in the Aug. 1 primary, opposes state-owned casinos. Barnett said he's concerned about the potential for corruption.

“When you look at areas where gambling money gets put in the pockets of government officials and politicians, you see people going to jail,” he said. “I think it's a very dangerous path.”

Jennison, 51, served a decade in the House, rising from chairman of its Appropriations Committee to majority leader and then speaker in 1999 and 2000. He left the Legislature to start his own business, promoting Kansas hunting, while also lobbying.

He held a Statehouse news conference Tuesday morning to kick

off his campaign and scheduled stops in Lawrence, Olathe and Pittsburg later in the day.

Jennison said Sebelius isn't showing any leadership on the biggest issue facing her and legislators: the need to find more money for public schools because of rulings by the Kansas Supreme Court.

Many fellow Republicans are saying the same thing, because Sebelius hasn't outlined a school finance plan since her ill-fated proposal in 2004 to phase in a \$300 million tax increase over three years ago.

“This race, in our opinion, is about one thing: It's leadership,” Jennison said. “I really don't think the governor fulfilled her role as governor.”

Sebelius and her aides have said the governor is working with legislators who are drafting school finance legislation this year. Spokeswoman Nicole Corcoran noted that Sebelius recently said she is pleased with the cooperation she has seen from Republican legislative leaders.

“This isn't about one person. This is about the governor and legislative leaders, elected by the people, working together to come up with a solution,” Corcoran said. “That is leadership.”

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Panel reviews property rights and sale proposal

TOPEKA (AP) — Decades ago, Bill House chose ranching over practicing law. Developers expressed interest a few years ago in buying his property in Cowley County. House wasn't much interested but soon learned there were ways to force a sale.

House came Tuesday to the Statehouse — a week after celebrating his 90th birthday — to ask legislators to enact legal and constitutional protections for property rights. He and other Kansans want legislators to limit the power of state and local governments to force property sales.

The issue became hot last year, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could force sales for private economic development projects without violating property owners' constitutional rights. House and other Kansans don't like the idea that they could be forced to sell their property so that someone

else can develop it.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is reviewing two proposed constitutional amendments and three bills on the topic, including a measure backed by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The panel began hearings Tuesday and planned to continue them Wednesday and Friday.

House, recalling his law-school lessons from the 1930s, noted that protections against eminent domain — the legal term for government taking property — go back to the Magna Carta of 1215, when angry English barons forced King John to accept written limits on his power.

Developers wanted House's land so they could create a lake and build a resort around it. Local opposition caused legislators to intervene and block the project in 2004, but until then, House said, the developers were confident they could obtain his property.

Coretta Scott King dies at 78

ATLANTA (AP) — Coretta Scott King, who turned a life shattered by her husband's assassination into one devoted to enshrining his legacy of human rights and equality, has died. She was 78.

Flags at the King Center were lowered to half-staff Tuesday morning.

“We appreciate the prayers and condolences from people across the country,” the King family said in a statement. The family said she died overnight, but did not say where she died. She suffered a serious stroke and heart attack in 2005.

“It's a bleak morning for me and for many people and yet it's a great morning because we have a chance to look at her and see what she did and who she was,” the poet Maya Angelou said on ABC's “Good Morning America.”

“It's bleak because I can't — many of us can't hear her sweet voice but it's great because she did live, and she was ours. I mean African-Americans and white Americans and Asians, Spanish-speaking — she belonged to us and that's a great thing.”

Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, the civil rights activist who is close to the King family, broke the news on NBC's “Today” show: “I

understand that she was asleep last night and her daughter (Bernice King) went in to wake her up and she was not able to and so she quietly slipped away. Her spirit will remain with us just as her husband's has.”

She was a supportive lieutenant to her husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., during the most tumultuous days of the American civil rights movement. She had married him in 1953.

After her husband's assassination in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968, she kept his dream alive while also raising their four children.

King's death was a “monumental loss to the nation and the world at large,” the Rev. Al Sharpton said in a written statement.

“She was truly the first lady of the human rights movement,” he said. “The only thing worse than losing her is if we never had her.”

She worked to keep his ideology of equality for all people at the fore-



King

front of the nation's agenda. She goaded and pulled for more than a decade to have her husband's birthday observed as a national holiday, then watched with pride in 1983 as President Reagan signed the bill into law. The first federal holiday was celebrated in 1986.

King became a symbol of her husband's struggle for peace and brotherhood, presiding with a quiet, steady, stoic presence over seminars and conferences on global issues.

“I'm more determined than ever that my husband's dream will become a reality,” King said soon after his slaying, a demonstration of the strong will that lay beneath the calm and dignity of her character.

She was devoted to her children and considered them her first responsibility. She also wrote a book, “My Life With Martin Luther King Jr.,” and, in 1969, founded the multimillion-dollar Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

King saw to it that the center became deeply involved with the issues she said breed violence — hunger, unemployment, voting rights and racism.

“The center enables us to go out and struggle against the evils in our

society,” she often said.

After her stroke, King missed the annual King holiday celebration in Atlanta earlier this month, but she did appear with her children at an awards dinner a couple of days earlier, smiling from her wheelchair but not speaking. The crowd gave her a standing ovation.

The King Center's board of directors was considering selling the site to the National Park Service to let the family focus less on grounds maintenance and more on King's message. Two of the four children were strongly against such a move.

Coretta Scott was studying voice at the New England Conservatory of Music and planning on a singing career when a friend introduced her to Martin Luther King, a young Baptist minister working toward a Ph.D. at Boston University.

“She said she wanted me to meet a very promising young minister from Atlanta,” King once said, adding with a laugh, “I wasn't interested in meeting a young minister at that time.”

She recalled that on their first date, he told her, “You know, you have everything I ever wanted in a woman. We ought to get married someday.” Eighteen months later — June 18, 1953 — they did.

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