

Senator Richard Marcellais  
Senate District 9  
Testimony for SB 2376

Chairwoman Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the record Richard Marcellais, North Dakota State Senator in District 9.

SB 2376 relating to a tribal-state gaming compact that permits gaming in Grand Forks County.

As a former Assistant General Manager of the Skydance Hotel & Resort, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Chairman, I can see how this tribal-state gaming compact would help in tourism, major economic boost to the region and help with unemployment for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa members and Grand Forks County citizens.

The tribe proposes a "high-end resort" that would cost approximately \$280 million or more to build, employ approximately 800 and include a Class III casino, conference facilities and family entertainment. This facility would include an arcade, bowling, maybe some golf centers, around 200 rooms, a family entertainment center, a conference facility and spa.

The Grand Forks City Council on Monday approved a letter of intent with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians for the band's proposed casino and event complex.

I am in favor of SB 2376 and I will try and answer any questions you may have.