Opinion No. 75-___

Dr. Herman D. Lujan, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Mexican-
American Affairs
Department of Administration
State House
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Dr. Lujan:

As chairman of the Advisory Committee on Mexican-
American Affairs, you inquire concerning authority for
payment of subsistence allowances, mileage and other
expenses to members of the Commission. The Commission
was created pursuant to ch. 208, L. 1974. Section 6
thereof states thus:

"Members of the advisory committee shall
receive compensation as provided for in section
1 of 1974 House Bill 1624."

The question is raised, apparently, in view of the different
language found in section 6 of ch. 200, L. 1974, an enact-
ment establishing the Kansas Advisory Committee on Indian
American Affairs, which speaks in greater detail of the
authorized reimbursement to members thereof:

"Members of the advisory committee shall
receive compensation, subsistence allowances,
mileage, and other expenses as provided in
section 1 of 1974 House bill 1624." [Emphasis
supplied.]

The italicized items are omitted from the payments authorized
to members of the Commission which you chair.
The omission is not important, however, for separate and independent authority for such payments is provided by K.S.A. 75-3201, which commences thus:

"When the duty assignment of any state official or employee requires that he travel to points beyond his official station or regular domicile he shall be entitled, upon complying with the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, to an allowance for subsistence and reimbursement for transportation, and other travel expenses incurred by him while in such travel status as provided in this act."

Accordingly, it is our opinion that despite the omission in section 6, ch. 208, L. 1974, payment of subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses to members of the Commission under K.S.A. 75-3201 is authorized.

Yours very truly,

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