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A SIOUXLAND DELEGATION GOT A FIRST HAND LOOK AT WHAT A PENN NATIONAL HOLLYWOOD GAMBLING CASINO LOOKS LIKE SATURDAY ON A BUS TRIP TO KANSAS AND MISSOURI.

AROUND 40 PEOPLE MADE THE TRIP IN WHICH THEY ALSO MET WITH CITY OFFICIALS IN KANSAS CITY KANSAS AND RIVERSIDE, MISSOURI WHICH ARE HOME TO THE PENN GAMING FACILITIES.

THE GROUP INCLUDED BUSINESS LEADER'S MEMBERS OF THE NEW NON-PROFIT PARTNERING WITH PENN GAMING ON THEIR LOCAL CASINO PROPOSAL, ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM WOODBURY COUNTY AND AREA TOWNS, AND NEWS MEDIA INCLUDING KSCJ NEWS DIRECTOR WOODY GOTTBURG AND MARK HAHN OF "OPEN LINE".

THE HOLLYWOOD CASINO IN KANSAS CITY OPENED LAST FEBRUARY AND IS BUILT OFF THE SECOND TURN OF THE NASCAR KANSAS SPEEDWAY.

KANSAS CITY MAYOR JOE REARDON SAYS THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PENN, THE SPEEDWAY AND THE CITY IS A GOOD ECONOMIC MATCH:

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REARDON SAYS THE ELEVEN MONTH OLD CASINO HAS PROVIDED THE CITY WITH OVER 750 NEW JOBS:

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REARDON SAYS PENN GAMING WILL PROVIDE 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR TO LOCAL CHARITIES IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA.

THE SIOUXLAND DELEGATION ALSO TOURED THE RIVERSIDE, MISSOURI ARGOSY CASINO HOTEL AND SPA. THAT LAND BASED CASINO REPLACED A BOAT THAT PENN RELOCATED HERE IN SIOUX CITY.

ARGOSY BELLE MANAGER LANCE GEORGE AND BOB KNOWLER OF THE GREATER SIOUXLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WILL APPEAR ON "OPEN LINE" WITH MARK HAHN TO DISCUSS THE TRIP AT 9:10AM MONDAY.