

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Adkins at 9:15 a.m. on February 17, 2000 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Allen - excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office
Mike Corrigan - Revisor of Statutes Office
Dave Stallings - Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introductions

Chairman Adkins welcomed Representative Tim Carmody to the Committee. Representative Carmody mentioned that over the summer the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits had testimony regarding an issue in the Department of Corrections concerning certain Corrections employees who have requested to be brought into the Kansas Police and Fire Retirement System, but there has not been a great deal of background study on this issue yet. Representative Carmody mentioned that he was present to request a bill introduction that would give those Corrections employees an option to join Kansas Police and Fire and thereby have a bill to work and discuss.

Representative Dean made a motion, and seconded by Representative Spangler, to introduce a bill that would give Corrections employees an option to join Kansas Police and Fire retirement system. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld made a motion, and seconded by Representative Stone, to introduce a bill relating to HMO's which would give the Insurance Commission some additional regulatory authority. Motion carried.

Public Safety Budget Committee Report on:

Department of Corrections

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Department of Corrections FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 1)

Representative Weber made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Department of Corrections. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Representative Dean made a motion, and seconded by Representative Neufeld, to amend the Budget Committee Recommendation Number 2 to require the issue to be revisited during consideration of the omnibus appropriations bill. Motion carried.

Detailed Committee questions and discussion continued. Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department, distributed a memorandum dated February 2, 2000 and addressed to the House Public Safety Budget Committee from Secretary Charles E. Simmons, Department of Corrections, regarding follow-up items related to salaries and benefits (Attachment 2). A chart titled FY 2001 SGF Reductions By Facility was distributed (Attachment 3). The Chairman ruled and called to the Committee's attention that the question arose on the renewed motion by Representative Weber, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee Report for the Department of Corrections as

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amended. Motion carried.

El Dorado Correctional Facility

Representative McKechnie presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the El Dorado Correctional Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 4)

Representative McKechnie made a motion, and seconded by Representative Weber, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee report recommendations regarding the El Dorado Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Ellsworth Correctional Facility

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Ellsworth Correctional Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 5)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee report recommendations regarding the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Hutchinson Correctional Facility

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Hutchinson Correctional Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 6)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative Weber, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee report recommendations regarding the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Lansing Correctional Facility

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations regarding the Lansing Correctional Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 7)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee report recommendations regarding the Lansing Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations regarding the Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 8)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee report recommendations regarding the Larned Mental Health Facility Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Norton Correctional Facility

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations regarding the Norton Correctional Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 9)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee report recommendations regarding the Norton Correctional Facility. Committee questions and discussion followed. Motion carried.

Topeka Correctional Facility

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Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Topeka Correctional Facility FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 10)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative Weber, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Topeka Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Winfield Correctional Facility

Representative Kline presented the Public Safety Budget Committee Report on the Governor's recommendations on the Winfield Correctional Facility FY 2001 Budget. (Attachment 11)

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the Public Safety Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Winfield Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld announced that the Social Services Budget Committee would not meet that day, but will meet regarding the Department on Aging Budget at 7:00 a.m. on February 18, in Room 514-S.

Chairman Adkins announced that Jim Wilson, Revisor's Office, has noted that the Governor's Budget bills will be introduced and should be available in printed form fairly soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2000.