

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE
INSTITUTIONS

Held in Room 254-E at the Statehouse, at 12:30 p.m., on April 2, 1980.

Members present were:

Senator Robert Talkington, Chairman
Representative Joe Hoagland, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Johnston
Representative David Heinemann
Representative Phil Martin

Staff present were:

Fred Carman, Revisor's Office
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Robert A. Coldsnow, Legislative Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order and stated some legal matters were in need of discussion with legislative counsel and should be discussed in an executive session. Representative Hoagland moved that the Special Study Committee on Social and Rehabilitative Institutions recess for a closed meeting for the purpose of consultation with counsel for the committee in the attorney-client relationship, the committee to resume in open meeting at 1:00 p.m., April 2, 1980. Representative Heinemann seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

At 1:00 p.m., the committee reconvened in open session.

A draft of legislation which would separate the Atchison and Topeka youth centers to accompany the partial report to the Legislative Coordinating Council on this subject was discussed. With some minor changes, the committee gave general approval to the draft. It was noted the committee cannot introduce the bill, but the LCC will make this decision.

Copies of the statutes pertaining to expungement of criminal records were distributed to members of the committee for their consideration. Following general discussion of the desirability of the Secretary of SRS being able to obtain expunged records for certain individuals who might be making application for employment at certain state institutions, staff was instructed to prepare proposed amendments to these statutes which would permit the Secretary of SRS, or the Secretary's designee, access to expunged records of those individuals applying for employment with the social and rehabilitative institutions.

Senator Johnston said the report should reflect the committee's opinion regarding moving the youth centers from SRS to the Department of Corrections. For lack of sufficient evidence that this move would be beneficial, he did not support it. The Chairman agreed the move would not be the proper approach to the juvenile program in Kansas at this time. Representative Hoagland was opposed to making this sort of statement in the report. He felt it might be referred to in the future and may not be applicable at that time. He noted revisions were being made in the juvenile code which might affect decisions on youth centers and the Department of Corrections.

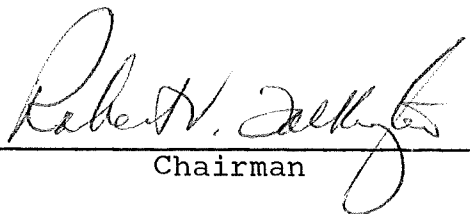
Representative Heinemann stated he had visited with the ombudsman for

the Department of Corrections. Information from him which could be applied to an ombudsman for the Department of SRS will be given to committee members. Representative Heinemann felt this was a viable option to recommend for SRS, and he will visit with each member concerning this option.

It was clarified for staff that a summary concerning the conferees appearing before the committee and one of recommendations made to the committee, similar to those contained in interim reports, be included in the final report of this committee.

The need for the committee to meet again to review the draft of the revisions made in the partial report and youth center bill draft was discussed. Representative Hoagland moved the final partial report and bill draft concerning the youth centers be circulated as soon as possible to committee members for their approval, correction, and additions and then submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Council. Senator Johnston seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and stated future meetings of the committee would be on call of the Chairman.


Chairman

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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