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Stephen R. Cloud  
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud at  
Chairperson

9:10 a.m./p.m. on March 13, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

- Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Department
- Julian Efird - Legislative Research Department
- Avis Swartzman - Revisor's Office
- Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Keith Henley - Chairman, Kansas Adult Authority

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman, at 9:10 a.m. The minutes of the February 29 meeting were approved.

SB 568 - Reducing members of Kansas Adult Authority

The Chairman introduced Keith Henley, Chairman, Kansas Adult Authority. Mr. Henley went over briefly what the bill does. He stated that he would be glad to answer any questions the Committee might have. The Adult Authority spends the first week of the month at the Hutchinson reformatory; the second week at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, and the third week at KCVTC, Topeka Work Release and Half-way House. Wednesday is the Board meeting day for the Adult Authority. Mr. Henley stated the number of cases heard at each facility and said that 30 cases is all that the authority can get done in one day. The files are read and reviewed before the hearings. Many questions are asked of the inmate. The inmate presents his case and then the Board will vote, discuss and compromise. At this time the Adult Authority consists of Joan Hamilton, the newest member and a former District Attorney, Ben Day, Leavenworth County, a former educator and Mr. Henley. The criteria the authority uses is the seriousness of the crime, behavior while in prison, the evaluation of the psychiatrist/psychologist and if these problems have been addressed, input from the sheriff, district attorney, police and judge, the parole officer in the field, if the victims have been contacted and the public hearing. No clemency applicants have been recommended as yet. The salaries are competitive, with salaries in the \$43,000 range. Mr. Henley answered several other questions from the members of the Committee.

The Governor's office phoned the Chairman to express support for SB 568.

The Chairman announced that the Calendar would be changed to reflect Subcommittee A's meeting for discussion on SB 479. On Thursday, Russ Mills, research department, will give a staff review on prison overcrowding. Subcommittee A will then give its report on the Department of Corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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