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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Edward F. Reilly, Jr. at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 9, 1984 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Francisco was excused.

Committee staff present:

Fred Carman, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
June Windscheffel, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sister Dolores Brinkel, Criminal Justice Ministry, Kansas City, Kansas
Secretary Michael Barbara, Department of Corrections

Substitute for HB2616 by Committee on Federal and State Affairs -
concerning substantially equal programs for female felons.

The Chairman introduced Sister Dolores Brinkel, from the Criminal Justice Ministry, who appeared concerning the Substitute for HB2616 by the Committee on Federal and State Affairs. Sister Dolores distributed copies of her written statement in favor of passage of this bill. It is a part of these Minutes as Attachment #1.

The Committee spent much time discussing the question of "substantially equal" treatment for women. It was mentioned that the Interim Committee which had studied Corrections had been quite concerned about providing equal treatment. Secretary Barbara said that in the past, evaluation for female offenders had been haphazard but that they now have thorough testing for the women. He feels that at this time they are doing a very thorough job as identical for the women as for the men. Secretary Barbara stated that he felt affirmation by statute would insure its continuing to be done, that with a new Secretary and a new Legislature there could be some changes. No action was taken on the bill.

Work programs at the correctional institutions.

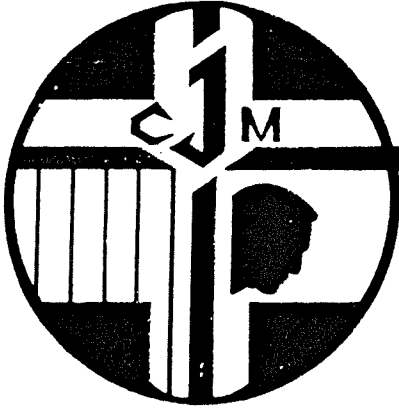
Secretary Barbara distributed copies of information concerning the Farm Operation at Kansas State Penitentiary for the Committee. It is part of these Minutes as Attachment #2. When questioned about a farming operation at the prison, Secretary Barbara said that it didn't go over too well, but that had been before his time as Secretary. He said that part of the reason was that there wasn't sufficient planning. He said there is a Correction Industries Advisory Board made up of major business, people from the university and general public and their first concern is to move carefully with the farm so that everything with the farm will be a paying situation. Various work programs at the institutions were discussed. Secretary Barbara stressed that meaningful employment is important to inmates. Request for information concerning the farming operation was made at yesterday's meeting of the Committee.

SB599 - concerning confinement of persons at the Kansas correctional
institution at Lansing.

Secretary Barbara appeared concerning SB599. He feels that the Zephyr program is very important to the inmates and to the state. He felt that any removal of male felons should be handled on a case basis. He feels the program is good; they are engaged in a training and vocational program and that is their reason for being at KCIL. There was much discussion concerning the advantages and disadvantages of co-corrections. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.



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TO: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
FROM: Sister Dolores Brinkel
DATE: February 9, 1984
RE: HB 2616 - Substitute Substantially Equal Evaluations of Women Offenders

On behalf of Criminal Justice Ministry of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, I wish to speak in favor of passage of this bill.

As you are aware, current law requires the evaluation of female inmates to be "similar" to those of male inmates. "Similar" is too vague a term and does not insure equality of services. Female inmates have a right to equal service. Therefore, this bill is needed to insure that women inmates receive substantially equal evaluations.

The Criminal Justice Ministry Advisory Board, on September 27, 1983, adopted as one of its positions: "Women prisoners should have equal opportunity, consistent with classification, to work, training, education and treatment programs." It is my hope that the evaluations done are utilized to the fullest extent possible in developing the program of re-direction for the women offenders.

I do believe HB 2616 - Substitute is in the best interests of the State and of women offenders. Therefore, I urge its passage.

FARM OPERATION
AT
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

The farm program located at Kansas State Penitentiary (KSP) is operated by Correctional Industries (KCI). The land is divided as follows:

- o 1,547 acres of land set aside for farm ground (row crop)
- o 1,447 leased out on cash basis
- o 100 acres for KCI use in FY 1985 (30 acres of corn for silage and 70 acres of alfalfa)

In addition, 400 acres are used for pasture:

- o The herd now numbers 155
- o 54 are calves
- o 76 head of cows
- o 3 bulls with the rest being steers
- o Cow herd to be stabilized at 100 head

April 1, 1984 KCI will purchase 36 sows and 3 boars. FY 1985 will be the first full year from "farrow to finish" swine operation. The first litters are expected in September 1984.

Future development for the farm operation will include poultry, a meat processing plant, enlarging the feed lot, and share crop basis for feed.