

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The meeting was called to order by Senator Elwaine F. Pomeroy at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 11, 1984 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

~~All~~ members ~~were~~ present ~~except~~ were: Senators Pomeroy, Winter, Burke, Feleciano, Gaar, Gaines, Hein, Hess, Steineger and Werts.

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The chairman asked for matters the committee would like to bring up.

Senator Hein discussed probate work in regard to wills and said he would meet with staff regarding the matter.

Staff explained two clean up bills that had been prepared. One clean up bill will change all statutes referring to registered or certified mail to restricted mail. Senator Hein moved that the proposed bill be introduced; Senator Winter seconded the motion. The motion carried. The second clean up bill changes the statutes referring to parole and probation officers to court service officers, where appropriate. Senate Hess moved that the proposed bill be introduced; Senator Feleciano seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Hess referred to the report concerning the backlog of cases in the Court of Appeals and felt it was a serious problem and should be addressed this session. Copies of the report will be made available to all committee members of both the Judiciary Committee and Ways and Means Committee for them to study, and the committee will discuss it later.

Senator Winter discussed child and domestic abuse, appropriations for the programs, and opportunities for funding these programs.

The chairman introduced the new staff member, Jerry Donaldson, from the Legislative Research Department.

Staff then presented a review of the interim committee proposals, Proposal No. 27, the Uniform Parentage Act; Proposal No. 28, Surrogate Mothers; Proposal No. 29, Visitation Rights of Unwed Fathers; and Proposal No. 31, Adoption Registry. The bills resulting from these proposals are scheduled for hearings next week.

Senator Gaines inquired if the Judicial Council had a sentencing bill this year. The chairman explained a bill had been introduced two years ago at the request of the governor's office regarding sentencing guidelines, and the Judicial Council was asked to study that. The recommendation of the Council was that neither sentencing guidelines and determinate sentencing be adopted. He reported that the more the Criminal Law Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council studied alternative sentencing systems, the better the present system looked. After trying to develop revisions of our present system, the committee still felt that the best approach would be to make no change. The Judicial Council's report will be available soon, and copies will be distributed to all members of this committee.

The meeting adjourned.

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GUESTS

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

NAME	ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION
Chris Mitchell		AFL-CIO
Shawn Leatherman		KHCA
Dick Hummel	TOPEKA	KHCA
Marjorie VanBuren	"	Judicial Branch
James Chan	"	KC DAA
Larry Hayes		Sen. Steingard
Allen Sselim	"	KTCA