

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANSThe meeting was called to order by Senator Paul Hess at
Chairperson11:00 a.m./p.m./on February 27, 1984 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Doyen

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Mary Galligan, Lynne Holt, Alan Conroy,
David Monical, Chris Stanfield

Revisor's Office: Norman Furse

Committee Office: Mark Skinner, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Michael Barbara, Secretary, Department of Corrections

SB 578 - Supplemental Appropriations FY 1984Adjutant General's Office

Senator Werts reviewed the subcommittee report on this budget. There was a brief discussion concerning the appropriation to replace the natural gas line at the Kansas City armory. Senator Werts said it would involve tearing up streets to replace the line.

SB 552 - Appropriations FY 1985, Public Safety AgenciesSection 2 - Adjutant General

Following Senator Werts' review of the subcommittee report on this section, there were questions from committee members. Senator Hess specifically questioned a recommendation made by the Governor for positions and funding for the Air National Guard at Wichita. Senator Werts assured him the subcommittee had concurred with that recommendation.

Following the subcommittee report, General Tice indicated the recommendations would provide sufficient funding for his department to operate very well.

Section 3 - State Fire Marshall

After Senator Werts' presentation of the subcommittee report on this section, committee members were given opportunity to question him. Mr. Redmon, State Fire Marshall, indicated he could work within the proposed budget.

Section 4 - Adult Authority

Senator Werts presented the subcommittee report on the Adult Authority. In connection with SB 568, concerning reduction of the Authority from five to three members, staff indicated there have been hearings in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee, but there has been no vote at this time.

Mr. Henley, a member of the Adult Authority, had no comment on the subcommittee report.

Section 5 - Department of Corrections

Senator Werts reviewed the subcommittee report for the Department of Corrections, and commented on some of the recommendations. He reminded the committee that the recommendation for an interim study on the progress of the community corrections program is for the 1985 interim.

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Section 5 - Continued

In connection with subcommittee recommendation No. 5, Senator Werts explained that it difficult for the Correctional Industries to anticipate receipts, sales, and expenditures, and the change to "no-limit" gives the Fund more flexibility.

Referring to recommendation No. 6, Senator Werts reminded the committee that there have been questions raised about the third honor camp, and that is why no recommendation is made concerning funding of the camp.

Senator Bogina, a member of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, reminded the committee of the problems with cost estimates and funds appropriated for the pre-release centers. He explained that the joint committee has asked for a good program statement for the honor camp, including the location; and also for any other construction programs planned by the Department of Corrections.

Secretary Barbara assured the committee that a fund break-down is being submitted to the Joint committee concerning cost of the honor camp, and that it is being recommended that the camp be at Melvern Lake.

Senator Hess asked the Secretary if he felt a Correctional Building Fund is needed for the purpose of capital improvements for the Department of Corrections. This would be similar to the Institutional Building Fund and the Educational Building Fund. Secretary Barbara indicated that the question needs to be resolved how overcrowding in prisons will be taken care of, but he feels there will need to be a source of funding for buildings, and the building fund may be the best source. When asked if the Governor would support such a fund, the Secretary said he could not answer that question.

There was extended discussion concerning cost over-runs at pre-release centers. Secretary Barbara said the Department had deleted some parts of construction in order to come within \$30,000 of the first estimates. When asked if his Department would be requesting additional funding in this area next year, he said he could not anticipate what might occur in the future.

Motion was made by Senator Bogina and seconded by Senator Talkington to strike capital improvements appropriations from SB 552 for Department of Corrections institutions, with the understanding that the funds would be re-inserted in the House when the Joint Committee on State Building Construction has finalized recommendations. The motion carried by voice vote.

Section 6 - Kansas Correctional-Vocational Training Center

Following Senator Werts' presentation of the subcommittee report, there was opportunity for committee members to ask questions.

Section 7 - Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing

Following Senator Werts' review of the subcommittee report on Section 7, there was a series of questions about the male and female inmate population at the institution.

Secretary Barbara indicated that Mr. Braun, who runs Zepher Industries, has indicated he wants to bring in another company which would require 75% women and 25% men on its work force. He suggested that if all males were removed from KCIL, the state might lose the new institution.

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Section 7 - Continued

Motion was made by Senator Bogina to amend SB 552 as set out on Attachment A. The motion died for lack of a second.

Section 8 - Kansas State Industrial Reformatory

There were no questions following Senator Werts' presentation of the subcommittee report on Section 8.

Section 9 - State Penitentiary

No questions were asked by committee members following Senator Werts' review of the subcommittee report on this section.

Section 10 - State Reception and Diagnostic Center

There were no questions following the review of the subcommittee report by Senator Werts.

Section 11 - Corrections Ombudsman Board

There was a brief discussion concerning Recommendation No. 2 following the subcommittee report on this section.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Talkington to adopt the subcommittee reports for SB 552 as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Warren and seconded by Senator Werts to report SB 552 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

Proposed Amendment to Senate Bill No. 552

Be Amended:

On page 6, following line 341, by inserting the following:

"Sec. 12. No expenditures shall be made from any appropriation authorized by this or any other appropriation act of the 1984 regular session of the legislature for the housing and confinement of both male and female inmates at the Kansas correctional institution at Lansing.";

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11:00 a.m.