

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator August "Gus" Bogina at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./p.m./on March 27, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Robin Hunn, Alan Conroy, Paul West
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Marvin Harder, Secretary of Administration
MG Ralph Tice, Adjutant General
Michael Barbara, Secretary of Corrections

Data Processing

Dr. Harder said he would like to suggest a way of resolving the dilemma faced by the Legislature with respect to data processing. He suggested that the committee consider bringing in four or five consultants to address two central issues: (1) compatibility and (2) cost containment in the future. He suggested using two consultants previously used by the Department of Administration, and heads of data processing for the State of California and the State of Indiana. He noted the latter two are Republican administrators. He said he does not know the person in Indiana; and had been in contact with the person in California long before the present concern arose over data processing. He added that he will determine the amount of money remaining in the consulting fund of the Department of Administration.

There was discussion between Senator Doyen and Dr. Harder concerning the possibility of having something specific for the committee to review. Dr. Harder said his department is beginning to talk to software vendors. Senator Doyen said he knows a vendor in California who would come to Kansas and provide some specifics. He stressed that consultants would need something to look at.

Senator Werts indicated that his subcommittee had been toying with the idea of calling in some consultants. Senator Bogina agreed that it is a good idea, since there are many conflicting statements. He stressed that something needs to be done very quickly.

There were suggestions concerning the possibility of contracting with an independent contractor for data processing. Dr. Harder said this may be something which could be discussed with consultants.

The Chairman indicated that he would discuss the suggestion with Senator Werts' subcommittee and the staff.

HB 2088 - Appropriations FY 1986, Public Safety Agencies

HB 2154 - Appropriations FY 1985, Public Safety Agencies

HB 2154 - Adjutant General

In the absence of members of the subcommittee, Senator Bogina presented the subcommittee report on this section. Committee members were given an opportunity to question him.

HB 2088, Section 2 - Adjutant General

Senator Bogina presented the subcommittee report on this section. Following his explanation, Senator Werts asked General Tice about the success of recruiting for the National Guard. General Tice noted that it is going

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very well. He said about 86% of positions are filled. He said the Guard is developing its own training center in the Salina area, and this is a positive step.

There were questions from other committee members about various aspects of the National Guard program. General Tice was able to answer these questions to the satisfaction of the committee.

HB 2154 - State Fire Marshall

Senator Johnston presented the subcommittee report for FY 1985. There were no questions.

HB 2088, Section 3 - State Fire Marshall

There were no questions following Senator Johnston's presentation of the subcommittee report on this section.

HB 2088, Section 4 - Adult Authority

Following Senator Johnston's explanation of the subcommittee report on the Adult Authority, committee members were given the opportunity to question him.

HB 2154 - Department of Corrections

Senator Johnston presented the subcommittee report on this section. There were no questions.

HB 2088, Section 5 - Department of Corrections

Senator Johnston explained the subcommittee report for the Department of Corrections. Senator Gaines referred to House subcommittee recommendation No. 10, concerning deletion of \$7,280 at honor camps for contracted college courses. Staff indicated that the House deleted that money, but restored funds for college correspondence courses and GED. Their reasoning was that it might help inmates if they could choose the courses on an individual basis.

Motion was made by Senator Johnston and seconded by Senator Gaines to restore the \$1,960 deleted by the House (the difference between the \$7,280 deleted in House subcommittee recommendation No. 10 and the \$5,320 added in House subcommittee recommendation No. 11) and to allow the Department to decide whether it will be used for contracted college courses or for GED and college correspondence courses. The motion carried by voice vote.

There were several questions from committee members about Community Corrections programs and their role in the total Corrections program. Secretary Barbara answered these questions. He indicated he would check on a question asked by Senator Werts concerning the possibility of the community corrections people helping crime victims receive reparations. He said he is not sure that is a proper function of the program.

HB 2154 and HB 2088, Section 6 - Kansas Correctional-Vocational Training Center (KCVTC)

Following Senator Johnston's presentation of the subcommittee report for both FY 1985 and FY 1986, there was a question from Senator Werts regarding the addition of \$950 by the House subcommittee for the purchase of winter jackets. Secretary Barbara indicated that these were purchased for security people who work outside during cold weather.

HB 2088, Section 7 - Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing (KCIL)

There were no questions following Senator Johnston's explanation of the subcommittee report on this section.

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HB 2154, Section 8 - Kansas State Industrial Reformatory (KSIR)

There were no questions following Senator Johnston's presentation of the subcommittee report on KSIR.

HB 2088, Section 8 - Kansas State Industrial Reformatory (KSIR)

Following presentation of the subcommittee report by Senator Johnston, Senator Gaines asked about House Committee Recommendation No. 2--the deletion of funding for standby generators. He was told that this was simply an adjustment in funding.

HB 2154 - Kansas State Penitentiary (KSP)

Senator Johnston explained the subcommittee report on this section, and committee members were given the opportunity to question him.

HB 2088, Section 9 - Kansas State Penitentiary (KSP)

Senator Johnston presented the subcommittee report on the Kansas State Penitentiary. Questions asked of him and Secretary Barbara were for clarification purposes only.

HB 2088, Section 10 - State Reception and Diagnostic Center

Senator Johnston explained the subcommittee report. Senator Werts asked if KPERs contributions would be changed if the state pay plan provides for hazardous duty pay. Secretary Barbara said he did not think that would change the coverage, but his staff would check to make sure.

HB 2088, Section 11 - Corrections Ombudsman Board

HB 2154 - Corrections Ombudsman Board

Following Senator Johnston's presentation of the subcommittee report on both FY 1985 and FY 1986, there were questions from members of the committee. These centered around the additional positions requested by the Board. Senator Johnston said that the subcommittee had talked to a number of people and felt there is not a pressing need for these positions. Secretary Barbara added that the Board is doing a good job at the present time.

It was noted that one position had been appealed. This was the Ombudsman Associate position. No new clerical assistance would be needed if this position were added.

Senator Winter indicated that, from the perspective of the Special Claims Committee, he feels there may be a need for additional positions. He stressed that if the Ombudsman Board were not available, there would be many more inmate claims against the state. Secretary Barbara said his comment about the work being done by the Ombudsman Board did not mean he felt they needed no additional help. He merely wanted to assure them that they make the job of the Department of Corrections easier to handle.

Motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Feleciano to add the position of Ombudsman Associate and \$21,912, excluding fringe benefits. The motion lost by a vote of 5-6.

Motion was made by Senator Johnston and seconded by Senator Harder to adopt the subcommittee reports for HB 2154 as amended and for HB 2088 as amended, and to report HB 2088 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

