

Approved April 7, 1986  
Date

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 31, 1986 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Robin Hunn, Scott Rothe, Laura Howard, Alan Conroy  
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse  
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2799 - Appropriations for FY 1987, Public Safety Agencies  
HB 2801 - Appropriations for FY 1986, Public Safety Agencies

HB 2801 - Adjutant General

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

HB 2799 - Section 2 - Adjutant General

Senator Harder presented the subcommittee report on this section. Following his presentation, Senator Bogina explained that there will be an adjustment in KPERS contributions for all agencies. He added that he had received this information from Marshall Crowther, Executive Director of KPERS. According to Mr. Crowther, the state contribution for KPERS for school employees will increase by .1%, and the non-school contribution will decrease by .3%. The total state contribution will be 3.9% for non-school and 4.1% for school employees. Senator Bogina said the changes must be made in individual budgets, but the total amount of funds required will be the same.

HB 2801 - State Fire Marshal

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

HB 2799 - Section 3 - State Fire Marshal

There were questions from committee members concerning the subcommittee report on this section. There were questions about funding for hiring inspectors, and about the need for more inspectors.

HB 2801 - Kansas Parole Board

Senator Harder presented the subcommittee report. He then explained that he had talked to Elwaine Pomeroy, a member of the Parole Board, and he indicated the travel budget is very low. Senator Harder added that he feels the conference committee should review this budget to determine if more funds are needed in this area.

HB 2799 - Section 4 - Kansas Parole Board

There were no questions from committee members following the subcommittee report by Senator Harder.

HB 2801 - Section 6 - Department of Corrections

Committee members were given the opportunity to question Senator Harder following his presentation of the subcommittee report on this section.

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HB 2799 - Section 5 - Department of Corrections

Senator Harder reviewed the subcommittee report on Section 5. He referred specifically to Senate subcommittee recommendation No. 3. He noted that the subcommittee had spent a considerable amount of time on JTPA funds and had difficulty determining whether or not funds from that source could be used for the correctional system. He said that the Department of Education, Department of Human Resources and Department of Corrections feel that there are some of the JTPA funds which can be used within the Department of Corrections but that if the Federal Government disagrees, it will be necessary to provide funding from the State General Fund.

Senator Bogina asked if JTPA Funds are being cut from any other program. Senator Harder answered in the negative.

Senator Gannon referred to House subcommittee recommendation No. 11, and asked if the Senate subcommittee had explored the use of inmate janitorial crews any further. Members of the subcommittee said they had not received any reports on the matter.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Gannon to amend the subcommittee report to urge the Department of Corrections and the Department of Administration to explore the use of inmate janitorial crews in the Santa Fe office building, and report back to this committee on the findings. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Johnston to add a recommendation No. 4 to appropriate an additional \$329,142 from the State General Fund to provide a "safety valve" in case the JTPA funds referred to in Recommendation No. 3 are not available. The spending of this money would be subject to Finance Council release. The motion carried by voice vote.

HB 2801 - Kansas Correctional Vocational Center (KCVTC)

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

HB 2799 - Section 6 - Kansas Correctional Vocational Training Center (KCVTC)

Senator Harder presented the subcommittee report on section 6, and committee members were given the opportunity to question him.

HB 2801 - Section 7 - Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing (KCIL)

Senator Harder reviewed the subcommittee report on this section. Senator Gaines referred to the subcommittee recommendation, and asked where health services are utilized for inmates. Senator Johnston said local hospitals are used, with the most serious cases going to the University of Kansas Medical Center.

HB 2799 - Section 7 - Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing (KCIL)

Following Senator Harder's review of the subcommittee report on this section, there was discussion concerning Senate recommendation No. 2. There were questions about the location of the college courses offered, the type of courses, etc.

HB 2801 - Section 8 - Kansas State Industrial Reformatory

Following the subcommittee's report on this section, Senator Kerr asked why the entire \$100,000 was not added for the Support Services program noted in Senate subcommittee recommendation No. 1. Senator Johnston and Senator Harder said they did not feel that the Department presented a compelling reason why all of the funding is needed.

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HB 2799 - Section 8 - Kansas State Industrial Reformatory

There was a brief discussion concerning subcommittee recommendations after Senator Harder concluded his presentation of the report.

HB 2801 - Kansas State Penitentiary

Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation of the subcommittee report by Senator Harder.

HB 2799 - Section 9 - Kansas State Penitentiary

During review of the subcommittee report, Senator Harder referred to Senate subcommittee recommendation No. 5. He explained that the House recommended that all male personnel have firearm training; however, the Senate subcommittee felt their recommendation was more appropriate.

Senator Werts referred to inmate health care services in House subcommittee recommendations for FY 1986 and FY 1987. He asked why there may be an increase for FY 1986, and a decrease is anticipated for FY 1987. Senator Johnston said that catastrophic illnesses can create more medical expenses, and it is difficult to determine when those may occur.

There was a brief discussion concerning the possibility of insuring against illnesses of inmates. Senator Johnston indicated such arrangements apparently have not been successful in the past.

HB 2801 - State Reception and Diagnostic Center

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

HB 2799 - Section 10 - State Reception and Diagnostic Center

Following Senator Harder's presentation of the subcommittee report on this section, committee members were given the opportunity to question him.

HB 2801 - Corrections Ombudsman Board

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

HB 2799 - Section 11 - Corrections Ombudsman Board

There were questions from committee members following the presentation of the subcommittee report on this section by Senator Harder.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Johnston to adopt the subcommittee report as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Johnston to report HB 2799 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Bogina requested that minutes of March 28 be amended to request introduction of a bill dealing with public bidding for certain improvements. Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Johnston to amend March 28 minutes to introduce the requested bill. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Talkington to introduce Bill Draft 2839 concerning public improvements outside the corporate limits of a city. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.