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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Kline at 1:35 p.m. on January 22, 1997 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Russell Mills, Stuart Little, Legislative Research Department;  
Jim Wilson, Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Department;  
Marcia Ayres, Appropriations Secretary; Helen Abramson, Administrative Aide

Conferees appearing before the committee: Charles E. Simmons, Secretary of Corrections

Others attending: See attached list

Secretary Simmons of the Kansas Department of Corrections was recognized to give a status report on inmate population and other department issues. He distributed a 117-page Corrections Briefing Report dated January 1997 to the committee (copies available in Legislative Research Department). He noted that a tour of the Lansing Correctional Facility has been scheduled for Monday, January 27th, and the Chair announced that the committee will not meet that day so that members who wish to tour the facility may do so.

Secretary Simmons reviewed the report and highlighted some areas. He explained the organizational chart and the chart of recommended expenditures for fiscal year 1998. The budget will be reviewed in greater detail with the subcommittee, and tours have been set up for the subcommittee to visit Norton, Hutchinson, and El Dorado Correctional Facilities next Wednesday.

An issue that will be receiving attention during the session is prison population and capacity expansion, and Secretary Simmons detailed the expansion plan and the rationale. He also covered the following topics outlined in the report: program evaluation, offender work, offender fees, federal crime bill grant funds, makeup of inmate population, return rate of offenders released during FY 1988-1995, offender characteristics and demographics, offender programs and services, community corrections, field services, and the Kansas Correctional Industries.

The secretary answered questions of the committee members after which the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 1997.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
<del>Sheel</del> <del>Smith</del>	GRW
Kathy Peterson	Peterson & Assoc.
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