

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Vratil at 9:34 A.M. on February 21, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Terry Bruce arrived, 9:36 A.M.
Greta Goodwin- excused
Donald Betts- excused
Les Donovan arrived, 9:36 A.M.
David Haley- excused
Phil Journey arrived, 9:38 A.M.
Derek Schmidt arrived, 9:37 A.M.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Karen Clowers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services
Senator Janis Lee

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 588–Traffic in contraband in a correctional facility.**

Don Jordan spoke in support, stating the intent of the bill was to enhance and support staff safety and security and he fully supported the bill (Attachment 1). Secretary Jordan voiced concern with the current format of the bill regarding some of the definitions and provided two balloons amendments (Attachment 2 & 3).

Senator Janis Lee testified in support (no written testimony) and urged enactment of the bill.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 588** was closed.

The hearing on **SB 565–The state fair board, employees, background investigations** was opened.

Senator Terry Bruce reviewed the bill and provided supportive testimony from Denny Stoecklein, General Manager of the Kansas State Fair (Attachment 4).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 565** was closed.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 581– Juvenile offender, possession of alcohol.**

Senator Phil Journey testified in support as sponsor of the bill (Attachment 5). In 2007 the legislature passed a comprehensive bill pertaining to the Juvenile Justice Code which moved the “minor in possession” charge to the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The Senator stated the intent of the bill is to move the jurisdiction back to municipal and district courts. Due to 2007 legislation, many cases have gone uncharged leading to the frustration of law enforcement.

Written testimony in support of **SB 581** was submitted by:

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police (Attachment 6)

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 581** was closed.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 546–Family dispute resolution fund, grants, docket fees.** Senator Vratil reviewed the bill. Senator Allen distributed information regarding recent filing fees and docket fee history (Attachment 7). Following review and discussion, Senator Allen distributed a balloon amendment which would authorize creation of the fund, funded through the State’s General Fund with no increase to the

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docket fees (Attachment 8).

Senator Allen moved, Senator Lynn seconded, to adopt the balloon amendment. Motion carried.

Senator Allen moved, Senator Journey seconded, to recommend **SB 546** as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 551–Driving while suspended, term of imprisonment**. Senator Vratil reviewed the bill. Senator Journey distributed a balloon amendment (Attachment 9).

Senator Journey moved, Senator Bruce seconded, to adopt the balloon amendment. Motion failed.

Senator Bruce moved, Senator Lynn seconded, to table **SB 551**. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M. The next scheduled meeting is February 22, 2008.