

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward Loyd at 1:30 p.m. on March 22, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lana Gordon- Absent

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Ward Loyd

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2941 - The Kansas criminal justice recodification, rehabilitation and restoration project

Ranking Minority Chair Ward opened the hearing on **HB 2941**.

Chairman Loyd appeared before the committee in support of the bill. The bill is intended to put in place a mechanism by which the people of Kansas can undertake a top-to-bottom, systematic review of our system of criminal justice. Kansas cannot afford the continuing cost of crime and cannot afford the cost of incarceration as our only crime reduction initiative. Seventeen people would serve on the board, from different fields of expertise. (Attachment 1) Three 'R's for Criminal Justice was also presented. (Attachment 2)

Secretary Roger Werholtz, Kansas Department of Corrections, provided written testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 3)

Steve Kearny, Kansas County & District Attorney Association, provided written testimony as neutral for the bill. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Loyd closed the hearing on **HB 2941**.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM. The next scheduled meeting is March 23, 2004.