

CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Adkins welcomed Barbara Tombs, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission. Ms. Tombs briefed the Committee regarding the impact of sentencing guidelines on prison population, FY 2000 prison population projections, increasing lengths of stay, prison admissions, crime rates and prison population levels (Attachment 3). Ms. Tombs called attention to and explained the grids found on the last pages of her testimony regarding sentencing range. She also explained the Kansas Sentencing Commission FY 2000 Official Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections found on Appendix A of her testimony.

Ms. Tombs also noted that there a lot of hard policy decisions to make as far as how many beds to build and who you want to put in them. She also hoped that the information provided from her and the Secretary of Corrections would be a guide in making those decisions because there are no quick fixes and there are some very dangerous long-term problems the state should not ignore.

Chairman Adkins thanked both Ms. Tombs and Secretary Simmons for appearing before the Committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Copies of a comparison sheet of various Senate and House positions regarding the budget bill that both Houses have passed and is the subject of a conference committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon in Room 123-S (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2000.