

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Vratil at 9:37 a.m. on February 15, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Sen. Goodwin (excused)

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor
Mike Heim, Research
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Sim, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)
Ken Hales, Deputy Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA)

Others attending: see attached list

Minutes of the February 13th and 14th meetings were approved on a motion by Senator Donovan, seconded by Senator Adkins. Carried.

SB 209—enacting the national crime prevention and privacy compact (NCPPC)

Conferee Sim testified in support of **SB 209**, a bill which would make Kansas a full member of a group of states that have adopted the NCPPC. The NCPPC would minimize criminal history record maintenance at the federal level and permit state repositories to communicate with each other in a controlled environment with common procedures. He described the current status of criminal history record checks in Kansas, explained how changes underway at the state and national level have led to the NCPPC and described the impact and benefits of implementing NCPPC. He referenced resource materials on NCPPC included in his written testimony (attachment 1) Following discussion Senator Adkins moved to pass the bill out favorably, Senator Umbarger seconded. Carried.

SB 174—juvenile offender detention, responsibility and payment of expenses

The Chair informed Committee that written testimony from Shawn Brandmahl, North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility, supporting **SB 174** had been distributed. (attachment 2)

Senator Oleen presented a brief history of this bill and stated she was not in support of it. There was discussion about the bill including it's fiscal impact.

Conferee Hales testified in opposition to **SB 174**, a bill which primarily clarifies the financial responsibility the state has for juveniles housed in detention centers and sets conditions regarding the fund balance of the Juvenile Detention Facilities Fund (JDFF). The Conferee detailed the role and responsibility of the Juvenile Justice Authority in administering the JDFF, reviewed Section 1 and 11 of the bill which address placement of detained juveniles in either a group home or correctional facility and discussed the fiscal impact of the bill stating it has potential to increase state costs for detention of juvenile offenders. He stated that this bill creates confusion regarding the role and responsibility the state and local governments have for local detention costs. (attachment 3)

SB 67—DUI; concerning penalties

The Chair informed the Committee that there were federal penalties attached to Committee action taken on **SB 67** on 2-13-01 according to a letter from KDOT Secretary Carlson. (attachment 4) Following a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of Committee to have staff provide a written side by side comparison of several of the Committee members proposed provisions for **SB 67**.

Presentation on Gun Control

Barbara Holzmark, National Council of Jewish Women, Kansas City, presented a brief history of her organization and discussed its role and function in the community. She testified in support of “Sensible Gun Laws and Safe Kids.”(attachment 5). She introduced several students she brought to the meeting who are from Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village Kansas. The students displayed multiple pairs of shoes before Committee and Student Whitney Szcucinski stated that the shoes represented just a few of the “327 kids and adults killed by firearms in 1998.” (no attachment) Student Natalie Brickson relayed her opinions and those of some of her peers on gun control laws. (attachment 6) Student Scott Pierson discussed the issue of gun control and emphasized how legislators can keep communities safe by passing tougher gun legislation. (attachment 7)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is February 19, 2001.