MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Held in Room 519 S, at the Statehouse at 10:00 a. m/px/px, on March 13, 1979.

All members were present except: Senators Steineger, Gaar and Gaines

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10:00 a. m/px/px/px on March 14, 1979.

Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Representative Douglas Baker
David O'Brien - Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration
Joan Hamilton - Shawnee County District Attorney
Charles Hamm - State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Staff present:

Art Griggs - Revisor of Statutes Jerry Stephens - Legislative Research Department Wayne Morris - Legislative Research Department

House Bill No. 2426 - Jurisdictional amount for code of civil procedure for limited actions. Representative Baker testified in support of his bill, which would raise the jurisdictional limit for limited actions proceedings from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Committee discussion with him followed. Senator Hess moved to amend the bill for cleanup purposes; Senator Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Senator Parrish moved to amend the bill to provide for the serving of up to 10 interrogatories in limited action cases; Senator Simpson seconded the motion. Following committee discussion, the motion carried. Senator Parrish moved to report the bill favorably as amended; Senator Hess seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

House Bill No. 2106 - Limitation on placement of status offenders. David O'Brien, of the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration, testified in support of the bill. He stated that changing the date gives everyone another opportunity to look at the provisions concerning status offenders; there may be some further changes in federal regulations.

Charles Hamm spoke in support of the bill.

House Bill No. 2123 - Admissibility of certain evidence in prosecutions of certain sex offenses. Joan Hamilton testified with regard to the bill. She explained the changes that the bill would make, and testified that she prefers to leave the statute as it is, without being amended as this bill proposes.

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Committee discussion with her followed.

Senate Bill No. 357 - Uniform controlled substances act amendments and other provisions relating to marihuana. Mr. Griggs reviewed the provisions of the bill, which will be the subject of a joint hearing with the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee on Thursday. Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Griggs reviewed other bills assigned to the committee, including House Bill 2034, House Bill 2058, House Bill 2059, House Bill 2164 and House Bill 2229.

The meeting adjourned.

These minutes were read and approved by the committee on 4-25-79.

<u>GUESTS</u>

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