

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Representative Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on January 12, 1993 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research
Mike Heim, Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Wulfkuhle, Committee Secretary

Chairman O'Neal made reference to the recent renovations of the Old Supreme Court Room. The legislature voted last year to fund some historic preservation renovation of the Supreme Court Room. The bill did get through the House and Senate but was vetoed. However, the legislature found some additional money in the budget to go ahead with the project.

Mike Heim, Legislative Research, briefed the Committee on the Interim Judiciary Committee recommendations for Proposal No. 12. This Proposal deals with the progress of state agencies in preparing for the implementation of sentencing guidelines on and after July 1, 1993; to review the progress of task forces on consolidation of probation, parol, and community corrections and on prosecutor plea-bargaining guidelines; and to review recent prison population increases.

Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research, briefed the Committee on the Interim Judiciary Committee recommendations for several Proposals. First, Proposal No. 13 deals with the need for establishing a statewide medical examiner or coroner system. Second, Proposal No. 14 deals with the issue of organized criminal activities and evaluates the forfeiture provisions of current law. Last, Proposal No. 25 deals with the Kansas law regarding the release of defendants automatically committed to a state security hospital following their acquittal of crimes because of a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity in light of recent court decisions on this issue.

The proposals referred to are found in the *Report on Legislative Interim Studies* which is filed with the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for January 13, 1993 at 3:30 p.m. in room 313-S.