

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:10 a.m. on February 10, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tim Madden, Department of Corrections
Randy Speaker, Director Housing Div., Dept. of Commerce & Housing
Anthony Fadale, ADA, Department of Administration
Robin Tropper, Link, KDRACH
Becca Vaugh, KDRACH

Others attending: See Attached list

Chairman Oleen called for introduction of bills and recognized Tim Madden, Department of Corrections. Mr. Madden ask for the introduction of a bill that would allow court ordered testing for infectious disease for inmates. Senator Vidricksen moved for the introduction of the bill. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen open discussion on

SB 304—Handicapped accessibility; state supported housing

Theresa Kiernan reviewed an amended draft of the bill for the committee.

Questions from the committee members included which type of housing this bill would cover and which would be exempt. Randy Speaker stated that the bill would not apply to any individual owner/occupants of private homes, only dwelling constructed by developers receiving state or federal assistance. Several questions were raised regarding how enforcement of the act would be handled since nothing was mentioned in the bill. It was stated that it was not the intent of the bill to be punitive but to be an incentive.

Senator Bleeker stated that it would be helpful if the Department of Commerce and Housing could provide information as to types of dwellings which would qualify under the bill's provisions, showing cost per unit.

After further questions by participants, Chairman Oleen announced that the discussion would be continued next week so that the parties could work together on the bill. It would also allow time to provide the information requested by committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be February 14, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

Following adjournment of the committee, Senator Oleen met with interested parties to clarify positions.