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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Vice- Chairperson Nancey Harrington at 11:10 a.m. February 2 , 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present. Senator John Vratil, excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Senator Rich Becker
Representative Shari Weber
Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Commissioner Albert Murray, Juvenile Justice Authority

Others attending: See Attached list

Vice-Chairman Harrington called for the introduction of bills. There were none.

Vice-Chairman Harrington opened the hearing on:

SCR 1632– Urging the Governor and the Governor’s Substance Abuse Prevention Council to establish statewide standards to evaluate the success of substance abuse programs

Vice Chairman Harrington recognized Senator Becker, who appeared as a proponent for **SCR 1632**. Senator Becker stated that some members of the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice had raised questions regarding whether or not the substance abuse treatment programs that receive 15 million dollars each year from the state of Kansas are effective. (Attachment 1) Senator Becker stated that one goal of the Joint Committee is to discover effective substance abuse treatment programs and fund them adequately. Senator Becker stated that the purpose of the resolution was to identify some “Kansas Standards” regarding treatment and prevention. Senator Becker stated that the Performance Audit Report, Reviewing Substance Abuse Programs in Kansas reported more than 18 million dollars were awarded for prevention and treatment programs by Social and Rehabilitation Services in FY 1997. A copy of this report can be obtained from Division of Legislative Services.

Senator Biggs inquired if a fiscal note had been requested and what the cost had been determined for performing this research. Senator Becker stated that **SCR 1632** would not require that research be performed but that the State set up standards for evaluating what results a successful program would contain.

Vice-Chairman Harrington recognized Representative Shari Weber, as a proponent to **SCR 1632**. Representative Weber stated that several years ago a group of senators and representatives were given the opportunity to take advantage of a program on substance abuse and treatment and found that currently there was no acceptable State standard for evaluating the success of the substance abuse and treatment programs. (Attachment 2). The Governor has appointed a Substance Abuse Prevention Council per the recommendation of the 1997 Performance Audit Report to work with all state agencies to establish statewide substance abuse standards to test and evaluate the performance, efficiencies and success of public and private prevention, education and treatment programs. In October, 1999 the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee participated in the Governor’s Conference on Prevention held in Wichita, and worked with representatives from the field and other agencies. Representative Weber stated that it is important for the legislature to have a strong involvement in the formation of these standards. She ask for the committee’s favorable consideration of **SCR 1632**.

Vice-Chairman Harrington introduced Secretary Janet Schalansky, Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)

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and Commissioner Albert Murray, Juvenile Justice Authority, the Co-Chairs of the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council. Secretary Schalansky presented background information about the development of the substance abuse service system. (Attachment 3) Secretary Schalansky stated that the primary responsibility for licensure and certification rests with SRS. She stated there are a total of 285 substance abuse treatment facilities licensed and 1650 state-credentialed counselors working in the state.

Commissioner Murray spoke on the Governor's Substance Prevention Council which was established in October 1998. The council has met monthly and developed the interagency "Kansas Planning Framework" which is being implemented. Commissioner Murray offered an amendment to the resolution for the committee's consideration which has three minor changes in wording to the resolution.

The hearing on **SCR 1632** was continued to next week to allow committee members time for questions of Secretary Schalansky and Commissioner Murray.

Senator Oleen introduced Jess McNeal, who was participating in the Job Corps Shadow Day. She is from the Flint Hills Job Corp Center which is located west of Manhattan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m. The next meeting will be February 3, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.