

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Emert at 11:10 on March 23, 2000 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Gilstrap (excused)
Senator Oleen (excused)
Senator Petty (excused)
Senator Donovan (excused)
Senator Feleciano (excused)

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Barbara Tombs, Kansas Sentencing Commission

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the March 22 meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Bond and seconded by Senator Goodwin. Carried.

SB 665—probation duration and revocation of nonprison sanctions for certain offenders

Conferee Tombs testified in support of **SB 665**. She discussed the two proposals in the bill and two proposals to be considered from the Capital Improvement Subcommittee of the Department of Corrections. She stated that the proposed bill “adjusts the period of probation by severity level, designating the longer period of probation to coincide with the more serious offenses on the higher severity levels.” The proposals from the Capital Improvement Subcommittee would combine criminal history categories H and I and add that conditional violators would receive no period of post-release supervision (this excludes certain offender groups.) She discussed the provision in the bill which gives discretionary power to the court to ensure public safety and detailed the positive fiscal impact of the bill with regard to decrease in prison beds.(attachment 1) Following discussion and clarification, Senator Goodwin moved to amend the bill to include all of the proposals, to make the bill fully inclusive, to add technical amendments, to make the implementation date effective on publication in the Kansas register, and to recommend the bill favorably to the full Senate. Senator Harrington seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 24, 2000.