

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Spangler, Excused
 Representative Hermes, Excused
 Representative McCreary, Excused
 Representative Newton, Excused

Committee staff present: Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
 Becky Krahl, Legislative Research
 Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
 Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research
 Leah Robinson, Legislative Research
 Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
 Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
 Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached

Copies of WebTrends, February monthly report of the Kansas Grants Website Analysis, and their promotion proposal were distributed to Committee members (Attachment 1).

Representative Campbell, Chairperson of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Corrections for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Campbell, Chairperson of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Corrections for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with comments and concerns (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

The Public Safety Budget Committee members explained that even though there is currently an excess of minimum-security bed space, the forecast is that this will change within the next few years and recreating this capacity through building or leasing new units would be quite expensive. Staff was requested to contact the three communities which house minimum-security prisoners—Toronto, Osawatomie, and Stockton—for suggestions on what these communities can provide in order to cut costs for the state in the operation of these facilities. Stockton volunteered to cut the expenses of utilities in order to assist the state during this budgeting crisis. There are 100 medium-security prisoners from Kansas are being housed in Colorado at this time due to the shortage of medium-security beds available. As of December 31, 2001, Kansas has 8,574 male prisoners incarcerated in facilities which have a 8,816 capacity. The experimental program of training and hiring nineteen-year-old guards for minimum- or medium-security prisoners is working well in the Lansing Correctional Facility and may be adopted in other Department of Correction's institutions throughout the state. A proposal to convert minimum-security beds to medium-security beds is being reviewed. The Day Reporting Center location in Wichita is being resolved and the city has agreed to contribute \$225,000 for the facility. Kansas City has recently found a parcel of land near a parole office which is being considered for the Day Reporting Center in that area. The total number of available facilities for prisoners within the state is unclear at this time. Available jail cells must meet the requirements of the Secretary of Corrections and are not included in federal funding for prisoners. The possibility of acquiring space in the federal disciplinary barracks which is soon to be vacated in the Leavenworth area was discussed. The concept of "getting tough on crime" has necessitated the very real possibility of building new prisons. Due to the high recidivism of maximum-security prisoners breaking parole, a pilot program of moving maximum-security prisoners who are due for parole within six months into a minimum-security situation for conditioning.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee

report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Ellsworth Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Ellsworth Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the El Dorado Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the El Dorado Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with an exception (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Lansing Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Lansing Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with an exception (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Minor, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Minor, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Minor, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Norton Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Minor, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Norton Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with an exception (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Minor of the Public Safety Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Topeka Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the

adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Minor of the Public Safety Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Topeka Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Minor of the Public Safety Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Winfield Correctional Facility for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Minor of the Public Safety Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Winfield Correctional Facility for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed their decision to recommend funding of the prison system in excess of \$3 million over the Governor's budget recommendations. Recidivism appears to be in direct correlation with cutting programs in the prison area.

Representative Pottorff moved to approve the minutes of January 29, February 5, 6, and 12. Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Representative Nichols requested an addition to the January 29 minutes to include priorities set by the Board of Regents in their testimony on **HB 2690**. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Neufeld at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2002.

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