

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Vratil at 9:35 a.m. on March 7, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Garry Boston  
Bud Handshy, Wilson County Sheriff  
Bruce Roberts, Director of Division of Information Systems and Communication (DISC)

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Donovan, seconded by Senator Schmidt. Carried.

**HB 2630—medical expenses of prisoners**

Conferee Representative Boston testified as a proponent of **HB 2630**, a bill which would allow counties to seek reimbursement from incarcerated individuals who receive medical care while in custody of the county. He reviewed the bill and discussed the financial impact this has on counties and taxpayers in those counties. (attachment 1) He referenced a written handout from Sheriff Byron L. Motter from Harvey County, Kansas, who supports the bill. (attachment 2)

Conferee Handshy testified in support of **HB 2630**. He discussed the increase in Wilson County's prison population over 28 years and reviewed inmate medical expenses in Wilson County over the past year. He further discussed the financial strain it has placed on the county and provided a list of inmate medical expenses from sheriff's offices in southeast Kansas. He stated that the state needs to require "those people who prey upon society" to be held responsible for their own medical care. (attachment 3) Discussion followed.

**HB 2629—fingerprinting of certain personnel in the department of administration**

Conferee Roberts testified in support of **HB 2629**, a bill which he stated, "would require, as a condition of employment, the fingerprinting of individuals who have unescorted access to the data center, telecommunications facilities, or other areas designated by the secretary of administration." He discussed why the bill was necessary and how the provisions would be implemented. (attachment 4) Discussion followed.

**SB 521—departure sentencing; procedures**

Senator Adkins reviewed the proposed amendments to **SB 521**. (attachment 5) Following discussion, Senator Adkins moved to amend the bill to include the language in the balloon amendment, Senator Schmidt seconded. Carried. Following further discussion Senator Adkins moved to amend the amended bill to make it effective upon publication in the Kansas register, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried. Senator Haley made a motion to amend the bill so that certain language replace the language in current law, Senator Oleen seconded. Following discussion, Senator Haley moved to amend his amendment so that certain language be added to the bill rather than replace language in current law, Senator Oleen amended her second. Carried. (attachment 6) Discussion followed. Senator Adkins moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried with Senator Pugh requesting his no vote be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting is March 8, 2002.