

**MINUTES OF THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 21, 1999 - 2:00 p.m. - Room 416 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, Chair
Rep. Blake D. Chard, Chair
Sen. Paula Julander
Sen. L. Alma "Al" Mansell
Rep. Trisha Beck
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
Rep. Perry L. Buckner
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Susan J. Koehn
Rep. Carl R. Saunders
Rep. Nora B. Stephens

Members Absent:

Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
Rep. Marlon O. Snow

Staff Present:

Ms. Chyleen A. Arbon,
Research Analyst
Ms. Susan Creager Allred,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Angela Kelley,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Committee Business - Chair Waddoups called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 1998 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Mansell and Rep. Bowman absent for the vote.

2. Master Study Resolution - After the committee briefly discussed each potential study item, Chair Waddoups asked committee members to prioritize the items by filling out the survey that was mailed to them prior to the meeting.

Rep. Chard said that Item #136, "Cleanup of Toxic Contamination from Illegal Drug Laboratories," will be studied by the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council (USAAC), which will report to the committee at the end of the interim.

Rep. Beck requested that Mr. Pete Haun report back to the committee with more information on Item #139, "Inmate Access to Family Information."

Rep. Hogue suggested that the committee discuss the privatization of other aspects in the correctional system in addition to prison privatization.

3. Board of Pardons and Parole – Offender Violations and Board Procedures - Mr. Keith Hamilton, member of the Utah State Board of Pardons and Parole, reported on the status of three individuals who recently escaped from the Promontory Correctional Facility at the Draper site. He said that two of the individuals were inmates who had received parole release dates from the board, and the third individual was a parolee. Mr. Hamilton said that the parole dates have

been rescinded on the two individuals who were on inmate status. He explained that because the other individual violated his parole, a warrant for his arrest was issued, and a parole violation hearing is now pending. He noted that the board investigates each case separately, weighing individual circumstances, in order to make effective decisions.

4. State Olympic Public Safety Command Act – Implementation Update - Mr. Mike Bergin, Department of Public Safety, said that the goal for the Olympic games is to ensure safety and security. He noted that in addition to the safety and security provided at the Olympic games, the normal level of public safety services will be maintained throughout the state during that time. He also said that there is not a known threat in Utah at this time; however, there have been problems at all previous Olympic sites. He explained that the present plan is divided into four areas which include operations, intelligence, logistics, and administrative liaison positions.

5. Department of Corrections – Private Correctional Facility Update - Mr. Pete Haun, Director, Department of Corrections (DOC), distributed handouts titled "Prison Contracting Decision Making Process" and "Private Prison Public Hearings." He explained the public hearing process required by statute regarding the private prison. He said that DOC plans to meet with the local government officials prior to the public hearings to explain the process of the public hearings.

Mr. Steve Frampton, citizen from Fillmore, asked who would be allowed to make comments at the public hearings. Mr. Haun said that public comment will be accepted from any resident in the county in which the hearing is held.

Ms. Joyce Frampton, Fillmore City Council, commented that the prison facility would benefit Fillmore by increasing the number of jobs available, which would reduce the number of residents on welfare.

6. Community Crime Prevention Grants - Ms. Susan Burke, Anti-Violence Coordinator, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), said that on April 5, 1999, the request for proposals (RFP) was released. She said that the RFP was for state agencies, units of local government, and non-profit organizations to help reduce or prevent crime in Utah. She commented that there will be grants awarded up to \$50,000 each. She said that if an agency would like to apply for more than \$50,000, it must show that it would service a larger community or have a statewide impact. She said that a 25 percent match would be required, which may be in-kind or cash.

7. Other Items /Adjourn - Rep. Chard distributed and read a letter from President Beattie and Speaker Stephens regarding the recent lethal shootings at the LDS Family History Center, the Triad Center, and the public high school in Littleton, Colorado. He explained that leadership has

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asked the committee to study the issue of gun violence, in addition to the master study items, because of the recent incidents, both nationwide and in the community. The letter directed the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and Judiciary Interim Committees to review the acts of violence and evaluate at the current laws and law enforcement practices, including the various gun-control laws, and provide a report within the next 90 days.

Chair Waddoups noted that the gun violence issue will be addressed and studied during the interim meetings.

MOTION: Sen. Julander moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Koehn absent for the vote. Chair Waddoups adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

