

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Senator Close was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Close
 Senator Foote
 Senator Dodge
 Senator Bryan
 Senator Wilson
 Senator Sheerin
 Senator Hilbrecht

ABSENT:

SB 70 - Extends jurisdiction of justices of the peace to arrests by game wardens in adjacent counties.

Senator Close informed the Committee that the amendments to SB 70 have not as yet been received. The bill will be held for further discussion.

SB 71 - Enables state public defender to interview arrested and confined indigent prior to defender's designation as counsel.

Senator Sheerin explained to the Committee that a primary reason for this bill was to obtain lead time for the Public Defender. He stated that the present policy was for a public defender to be appointed after a justice of the peace had established that the defendant was indeed an indigent, and with this situation, the public defender would be 2 or 3 days behind the incident.

Senator Bryan informed the Committee that an "asset check" (employment, length of residency, housing, etc.) was carried out to establish whether or not the person was indeed indigent.

Following discussion of the bill, Senator Dodge moved a "do pass",

Seconded by Senator Wilson,
 Motion carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of minutes of the following meetings:

January 30, 1975 - Senator Dodge moved to approve the minutes,
 Seconded by Senator Hilbrecht,
 Motion carried unanimously.

February 3, 1975 - Senator Hilbrecht moved to approve the minutes following amendment to action taken on Section 201.300 through 201.360. Senator Dodge moved to incorporate the statutes and the motion was seconded by Senator Hilbrecht.

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February 3, 1975 - The move to approve the minutes was seconded by
Senator Wilson,
Motion carried unanimously.


February 5, 1975 - Senator Bryan moved to approve the minutes,
Seconded by Senator Dodge,
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Senator Bryan moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheri Kinsley, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator Close, Chairman