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Measures Heard SB 371, WS SB 41, WS SB 211, PH SB 214, PH SB 215, PH SB 216, PH SB 375, PH

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

February 22, 1991 Hearing Room C 1:00 p.m. Tapes ? - ?

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Joyce Cohen, Chair Sen. Jim Hill, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jim Bunn Sen. Jeannette Hamby Sen. Dick Springer

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Peter Brockman Sen. Bob Shoemaker

VISITING MEMBER: ?Sen./Rep. Name

STAFF PRESENT: Ingrid Swenson, Committee Counsel Bill Taylor,
Committee Counsel Kate Wrightson, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: ?Name ?Name

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TAPE ?, SIDE A

002 CHAIR COHEN: Calls hearing to order at 1:14 p.m.

SB 214, PH

vern frotz, chair bd. of parole. testifies in support of SB 214. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit A). active/inactive status. must demonstrate stuff. exemplary behavior, etc. need opportunity to develop standards. \\

swenson. submits -1 amendments.

frotz:

springer: asks whether this is legislative or initiative language

frotz: initiative, ballt measure 10. concerned about springer's

concern. we are concerned about this issue. problem is that we cant define "exemplary".

springer: dont disagree. didn't support measure 10. just have constituents as petitioners.

swenson: introduces parole board testimony(imate legislative committee). not recognized by DC (Exhibit C).

SB 215, PH

frotz: testifies in favor of SB 215. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit D). dangerous offenders, etc. refers to state hospital. allows to contract with providers for these exams. bypass hospital. #2, when offender is sentenced, is evaluated by psychol/psychia.

denis dowd, asst dir of DC: testifies in favor of SB 215. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit E). less \$, less risk to public. about 380 classified as dangerous offenders.

barry kast, asst admin of mental health disabilities div.: testifies in favor of SB 215. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit F). puts responsibility for exams with board of parole, where it belongs.

swenson: bill will go to ways & means

SB 216, PH

frotz: testifies in favor of SB 216. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit G). needs override of minimum for people with humanitarian needs, like terminal illness. Amends ORS to allow for this. few in number, this kind of release. very rare. one problem, alzheimer's sentenced under this who couldn't be managed in penitentiary b/c of his illness. moved him to secure environment, want to address this sort of thing.

dowd: testifies in favor of SB 216. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit H). \$\$ to deal with terminally ill inmate. can be done more humanely elsewhere.

SB 211, PH

frotz: testifies in favor of SB 211. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit I). submits amendment? check on this. every prisoner gets good time. parole not set release date, person goes to goodtime date. fairly frequent case. dangerous prisoners are asked to submit to psych evaluation. is condition that makes them dangerous? maybe they won't do it. want to get rid of early release mechanism. \\

dowd: testifies in favor of SB 211. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit J). problems with dept? check this again. serve public interest, etc.

SB 345, PH

SEN. GRENSKY: Testifies in favor of SB 345. reviews background of bill. historical reasons. is irrelevant as practical matter now. submits judge's letter.

springer: house of worship? \\ in mult cty, \\ matrix gets overloaded. only serve about half sentence anyway.

grensky: then mult cty is breaking law. \\ in jackson cty, not releasing on wknds.

dowd: testifies in opposition to SB 345. submits and summarizes written testimony (Exhibit L). Dc doesn't let go on wknds. \\ \\ concerned about staffing, etc. releasing inmates to reduced transitional services? want to keep statute.

cohen: refers to state too...

bunn: is change from shall to may, would DC object?

dowd: can't see why not.

cohen: think about it.

ihll: want to see other jailers too (cohen too).

swenson: did speak with someone who supported measure, but no stats.

cohen: jail overcrowding cared about this.

SB 371, WS

swenson: submits amendments. reviews purpose of bill and amends.

hearing non, so ordered.

hill to floormotion carries

SB 41, WS

taylor: reviews purpose of bill. shorthand bill. submits amends.

bill introductions

forfeiture bills. \\ \\ 367 6, or bankers

adjourned 1:50