

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 24, 1977

The executive session of the Judiciary Committee was called to order after a short recess, with Chairman Scully presiding.

CHAIRMAN SCULLY appointed a sub-committee to examine the mandatory sentencing bills, numbers HB 261 and 188. The committee is composed of Representatives Ramirez, Chairman, Holmes, Conroy, Seifert, and Courtney and they are to report by Friday.

HOUSE BILL #7:

REPRESENTATIVE LORY mentioned that the intent of the bill was to be concerned with district judges and the supreme court and not the JP court. He moved an amendment on lines 5, 8, 11 and 15. He explained the districts and the cost of the additional judges. There would be 20 districts and 31 district judges at a cost of \$83,000.

The motion to amend carried with the vote unanimous.

REPRESENTATIVE LORY moved "do pass as amended". Then followed some discussion about the cost of the training program.

He mentioned that it would be more standardized and more uniform across the state. The LEAA funds are to start out the program and are usually cut off in 2 or 3 years. Discussion about the competency of various judges and that there was no way to test a judge before he became a judge. The motion carried with the vote unanimous.


HOUSE BILL # 65:

REPRESENTATIVE RAMIREZ explained the finding of fact and conclusion of law. What this does is make it subject to review. Discussion about what the fiscal cost would be. It was mentioned that right now a district judge gets from 25 to 27,000 dollars. Mr. Ramirez moved the adoption of the proposed amendments. The motion carried with the vote unanimous. REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES moved "do pass as amended". After some further discussion the question was called and the motion carried with the vote unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



JOHN P. SCULLY, CHAIRMAN



Mary Ellen Connelly, Secretary