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**Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee and
Senate Public Safety Budget Division
Wednesday, August 24, 2005
Chairs: Sen. Leo Foley and Sen. Jane Ranum
10 a.m.
15 Capitol**

Agenda

Overview: Report of the Re-Entry Policy Council

- 1) Robert Johnson, Anoka County Attorney, and Public Safety and Restorative Activities Advisory Group Member
 - 2) Elizabeth Nevins, Project Coordinator, Criminal Justice Programs, Council of State Governments
 - 3) Gary Kempker, Former Commissioner, Department of Corrections, Missouri
 - 4) Chris Bray, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Corrections, Minnesota
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Members present: Berglin, Betzold, Neuville, Ortman, and Skoglund.

Sen. Foley called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Quorum was present at 10:20 a.m.

Robert Johnson, Anoka County Attorney, gave an overview of the recent trends and role of the prosecutor's office in re-entry programs.

Elizabeth Nevins, Project Coordinator, Council of State Governments, gave an overview of the recommendations of the re-entry policy council report.

Witness responded to questions.

Gary Kempker, Former Commissioner, Department of Corrections, testified on the re-entry program strategies implemented in Missouri.

Witness responded to questions.

Chris Bray, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Corrections, testified on the department's progress on improving re-entry programs.

Witness responded to questions.

Marcie Sorenson, Director of Education, Minnesota Department of Corrections, testified on the educational opportunities available to inmates.

Witness responded to questions.

Joan Fabian, Commissioner, Minnesota, Department of Corrections, testified on the role and commitment of the Governor's office in regards to stressing the importance of re-entry programs during the 2006 session.

Witness responded to questions.

Barbara Cox, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Department of Corrections, testified on Governor's plan for bonding during 2005 session.

Sen. Foley adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

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Jane Ranum
Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Regina Garza", written over a horizontal line.

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Members Present

Senator Foley
Senator Berglin
Senator Betzold
Senator Neuville
Senator Ranum
Senator Skoglund

Members Absent

Senator Kleis
Senator McGinn
Senator Ruud

Senator Foley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Robert Johnson, Anoka County Attorney, testified before the Committee.

Elizabeth Nevins, Project Coordinator of Criminal Justice Programs with the Council of State Governments, testified before the Committee.

Gary Kempker, Former Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Corrections, testified on re-entry issues in Missouri.

Chris Bray, Assistant Commissioner with the Department of Corrections, testified before the Committee.

Marcie Sorenson, Director of Education with the Department of Corrections, testified before the Committee.

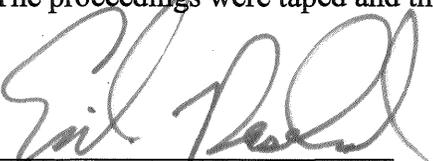
Joan Fabian, Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, testified before the Committee.

Barbara Cox, Department of Corrections, testified in response to a question from the Committee on state funding.

Senator Foley adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Leo Foley
Chairman



Erik Reseland
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