



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. THOMAS A ALBERT

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

10:30 AM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Albert.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Albert, Slagh, Lightner, Maddock, Sabo, Anthony, and Kennedy.

Absent: Reps. VanSingel and Pagan.

Excused: Reps. VanSingel and Pagan.

Representative Lightner moved to excuse Representatives VanSingel and Pagan from the meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 11, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss the prison population and changes brought about due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 5th, the prison population totaled 35,957, which is a decline of 1,958 prisoners since March 20th. The decline is due to expedited parole releases, a halt in prisoner intakes as ordered by Executive Order No. 2020-29, and a decline in the number of parolees returning for serious technical violations. Though the prison population has declined since March, the department has had to open additional capacity at facilities as part of the COVID response. Hopefully, the reopening of closed units is a temporary move. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Albert adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Representative Thomas Albert, Chair

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