

1999 SENATE JUDICIARY

SCR 4014

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR4014

Senate Judiciary Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 27, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jackie Follows</i>			

Minutes:

SCR4014 is to study the method of providing legal representation for indigent criminal defendants and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a public defender system.

SENATOR STENEHJEM opened the hearing on SCR4014 at 11:45 A.M.

All were present.

SENATOR STENEHJEM testified in support and explained of SCR4014. The Chief Justice asked us to consider passing a study resolution to the Legislative Counsel to look at the issue of whether a system of public defenders may be a better alternative to the current system. It mentions that we haven't looked at this topic since the 73-74 session and perhaps a more cost effective service.

SENATOR TRAYNOR stated that in his area they have an attorney that contracts defense.

SENATOR STENEHJEM stated that the contract service is the current system. In Minnesota, they have a public defender offices and they are staffed with attorneys and investigators.

JUDGE VANDERWALLE, Chief Justice, testified in support of SCR4014. The money situation is getting big. We want to do the best job which is the most financially effective. We have looked at this system internally. The problem with the contract attorneys, the defense attorneys can't always spend money on expert witnesses. We see a lot of dissatisfaction at the Supreme Court level.

BONNIE PALACEK, Council of Abused Women, testified in support of SCR4014.

SENATOR STENEHJEM CLOSED the hearing on SCR4014.

SENATOR TRAYNOR made a motion for DO PASS, SENATOR LYSON seconded. Motion carried.

SENATOR STENEHJEM will carry the bill.

Date: 1-27-99
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4014

Senate Judiciary _____ Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do PASS

Motion Made By Traynor Seconded By Lyson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wayne Stenehjem	X				
Senator Darlene Watne	X				
Senator Stanley Lyson	X				
Senator John Traynor	X				
Senator Dennis Bercier	X				
Senator Caroloyne Nelson	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No _____

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Stenehjem

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 27, 1999 4:10 p.m.

Module No: SR-17-1310
Carrier: W. Stenehjem
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4014: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4014 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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SCR 4014

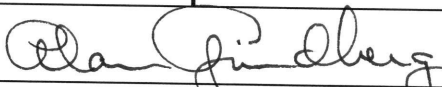
1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4014

House Judiciary Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date : March 8, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

CHIEF JUSTICE VANDEWALLE This is an attempt to see if we can deliver services more fairly and more cost effectively. Judges ought not to be hiring lawyers any more than they should be appointing prosecutors. Appointing defense counsel is a continuing problem, and we need to study who ought to administer the program and can we get more for our money

COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. MAHONEY moved that the committee recommend that the resolution DO PASS. Rep. Meyer seconded and the motion passed on a roll call vote with 15 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent. Rep. DeKrey was assigned to carry the bill.

Date: 3/8
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4014

House JUDICIARY Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass

Motion Made By Mahoney Seconded By Mejor

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
REP. DEKREY	✓		REP. KELSH	✓	
REP. CLEARY	✓		REP. KLEMIN	✓	
REP. DELMORE	✓		REP. KOPPELMAN	✓	
REP. DISRUD	✓		REP. MAHONEY	✓	
REP. FAIRFIELD	✓		REP. MARAGOS	✓	
REP. GORDER	✓		REP. MEYER	✓	
REP. GUNTER	✓		REP. SVEEN	✓	
✓ REP. HAWKEN	✓				

Total Yes 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Dekrey

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 9, 1999 7:34 a.m.

Module No: HR-42-4294
Carrier: DeKrey
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4014: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4014 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.