



THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
2009 SPRING CONFERENCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE

Coeur d'Alene Gold & Spa Resort

May 16, 2009

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

MEETING SUMMARY

Presiding

Representative Rich Wills, Idaho

Members in Attendance

Senator Don Barrington, Oklahoma
Mr. Thomas Butler, MASSPORT
Representative Pat Colloton, Kansas
Representative Lois Delmore, North Dakota
Mr. Scot Haslip, National Apartment Association
Lt. Colonel Jerome Hatfield, New Jersey State Police
Senator Tim Owens, Kansas
Representative Rich Wills, Idaho, Acting Chair

Guests and Staff in Attendance

Representative Tom Anderson, New Mexico
Ms. Jennifer Boyter, CSG
Ms. Kay Farley, National Center for State Courts
Ms. Wanda Fowler, CSG
Mr. David Frissorn, Wendy's Arby's Group
Representative Max Gruenberg, Alaska
Mr. Joe Kefauver, Edgewater Group, Representing National Restaurant Association
Representative Kim Koppelman, North Dakota
Senator Shirley McKague
Representative Ralph Metcalf, North Dakota
Representative Arnie Roblan, Oregon
Ms. Stacie Rumenap, Stop Child Predators
Senator Scott Price, Nebraska
Ms. Trina Sheets, NEMA
Mr. Michael Thompson, Justice Center
Ms. Patti Tobias, Idaho
Senator Mike Vehle, South Dakota
Representative Jeannette Wallace, New Mexico
Representative Kevin Yoder, Kansas

- Acting Chair Rep. Rich Wills called the Public Safety and Justice Task Force to order at 1:00 p.m.

- He welcomed the Task Force members and guests, provided an overview of the session, and led introductions.
- Rep. Wills and Jennifer Boyter provided an overview of CSG activities, including the sex offender management grant and Trends in America publications.
- Lt. Colonel Jerome Hatfield provided an update on the activities of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).
- Rep. Pat Colloton provided an update on the activities of the CSG Justice Center.
- The minutes from the Public Safety and Justice Task Force Business Meeting at the 2008 Annual Meeting were reviewed by the Task Force and approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Representative Kim Koppleman introduced the Suggested State Legislation Docket for consideration by the Task Force. The Task Force considered and made recommendations to the Suggested State Legislation Committee on fifteen (15) public safety and justice related pieces of legislation. The following summarizes the bills and final recommendations:

(05) PUBLIC, OCCUPATIONAL AND CONSUMER HEALTH AND SAFETY

*05-30A-06 Disaster Preparedness	Reject
(30A-b) Staff get data about any states affected.	
05-30B-01 Registering Facilities that Store or Transport Human Bodies or Human Body Parts Which are Intended for Research or Educational Purposes	Include
05-30B-02 Pharmacy Audit Integrity	No Action
05-30B-03 Food Allergy Awareness	Reject
05-30B-04A Novelty Lighters	Reject
05-30B-04B Novelty Lighters	Reject
05-30B-05C Novelty Lighters	Reject

(17) CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE COURTS AND CORRECTIONS/PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

17-30B-01 Preserving Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles	Include
Vehicles	
17-30B-02 Hate Crimes/Violence Against Homeless People	Reject
17-30B-03 Home Invasion	Reject
17-30B-04 Identity Theft: Judicial Determination of Factual Innocence	Include
17-30B-05 Grooming and Traveling Sex Offenses	No Action
17-30B-06 Medical Release for Ill and Disabled Inmates	Include
17-30B-07 Adult Criminal Sex Offenders Group Homes	Include
17-30B-08 Coercing or Attempting to Coerce a Woman to Obtain an Abortion	No Action

- Following the Task Force consideration of SSL, Rep. Wills opened the floor for discussion on emerging trends in the states related to public safety and justice. The emerging trends identified included the following:
 - The need for better information sharing and uniform reporting among states regarding DUI offenses and driver license suspensions.

- The need for the publication of racial impact statements before passage of crime bills to determine how such laws would affect both victims and offenders.
 - Legislation related to gangs, including those targeting recruitment and penalty enhancements.
 - The effect of death penalty elimination laws.
 - The impact of decreasing penalties for low-level drug offenses on the criminal justice system.
 - The impact of the growing number of felony offenses, especially for juveniles.
- Rep. Wills encouraged the task force members and guests to attend the Public Safety and Justice Task Force policy session on juvenile detention that will be held on Sunday at 1:30.
 - The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.