

something wrong with the state accounting or personnel system or something like that and let me just say that is a hypothetical because very limited information has been shared and that is why I think there needs to be a review.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Fowler. It seems to me that the Judiciary Committee has all the authority and all the power to go over to the Corrections administration and review this instance. I think even though you indicate and I believe you are sincere that the resolution in itself has no implications of impropriety. I think the fact that we have a resolution when the committee has all the power vested in it right now to do what the resolution calls for seems to, whether we like it or not, imply impropriety. I think we've got a very delicate and a very difficult situation in our Corrections Department right now that is going to have to be handled with utmost skill and I think at this point any public, and I won't use the word harassment because it isn't intended to be harassment, but I don't see any public involvement by the Legislature other than its normal constituted authority at this time is in ill favor. I'm going to vote against the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think you all know that the Judiciary Committee has this authority anyway and we have been almost in constant touch with the administration for the last year and a half or so. Our involvement is a little bit different than some of the others who have taken it upon themselves to make investigations and so forth in this institution. Our involvement so far has been the committee has made arrangements to go down and visit with four or five different divisions of the penitentiary namely, we visited with a group of black inmates, a group of Mexican-American inmates, a group of native American inmates, a group of white inmates and then we also visited with several members of the staff in the past year and a half. All of this time other functions were happening and investigations were being made by various entities. Ours was on a low key rather than a high key where it was loudly proclaimed in the news media. We had two or three incidences out there that we were able to handle without notoriety and I have received letters and if you would be interested in them from inmates thanking us for the involvement and we don't need a lot of notoriety in the press and news media when we solve these simple problems having to do with personnel. We don't want to become involved in a loud shakeup in the news media because of small items