



PSCOA Political Update

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On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, PSCOA President Donald McNany presented testimony in front of the House Judiciary Committee on the matter of the Department of Corrections intentions to send 1000 inmates to Michigan and 1000 inmates to Virginia. President McNany presented the Committee with nine questions regarding various parts of the DOC's plans, including how the inmates would be transported to and from Michigan and Virginia, which Department would carry the brunt of those costs, and what affects the proposed transfers will have on the current safety of Pa.DOC staff and potential issues with staffing and safety.

President McNany also pointed out to the Committee some glaring discrepancies between the Department of Corrections presentation to the same Committee regarding costs and the information that the Michigan Department of Corrections put out.

As a result of the questions raised by the PSCOA, and the discrepancies in the DOC's testimony to the Committee, the Committee Chairman is recalling Secretary Beard to appear before the Committee so they can explain these matters to the Committees satisfaction. The Committee is also calling for the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of General Services to appear and provide testimony regarding the present availability of mental health facilities, such as closed state mental hospitals, that could be re-activated to alleviate the current overcrowding.

The PSCOA will keep the membership advised of any further developments and will send out the testimony of today's hearing once it is made available.



President Donald McNany Testifying to the House Judiciary Committee