

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO RESOLVE THE OVERCROWDED CONDITION OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY BY GRANTING EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY TO INMATES WHO ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, the prison population in Arkansas continues to be a critical problem; and

WHEREAS, the economic condition of this State prevents the allocation of tax revenues to adequately increase the capacity of the penitentiary; and

WHEREAS, the most efficient method of dealing with the problem is for the Governor to use his constitutional power to grant executive clemency.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Correction estimates that fifty inmates should be granted executive clemency, and another two hundred inmates should be placed on work release,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Governor is hereby requested to use his constitutional power to grant pardons and reduce sentences of inmates whom the State Board of Pardons and Paroles determines will not be a threat to society and who are recommended for release by law enforcement officials of the county wherein the inmate lived or the crime was committed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Department of Correction are hereby urged to institute additional work-release programs as soon as possible to

assist in relieving the overcrowded condition of the prison.

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