

Chairman Sees 'Toothless Tiger' Danger In Change Of Parole Board

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SALEM (UPI)—The Board of Parole and Probation would be a "toothless tiger" under the proposed state corrections division, its member complained today.

Chairman John M. Butler told the House State and Federal Affairs Committee the move was an attempt to force the release of more prison inmates.

Butler said the bill establishing the corrections division would strip the parole board of its staff and the power to enforce conditions of parole. The board would decide only who should get out. The mechanics would be handled by the staff of the new division.

The chairman was backed up by three other board members, Lowell Steen of Lake Oswego, John A. Collier of Salem, and

R. V. Jenkins of Portland, and by former Chairman L. W. Mallett of West Linn.

Mallett said unless the section regulating the parole board is removed from the bill, the board should be abolished. He said it stripped the parole board of all its authority without taking away any of its responsibilities.

The parole board now employs a director, a staff of institution and field investigators and a psychiatrist. Butler said it "just doesn't make sense" to separate the board from these advisers.

He also argued against a provision requiring the board to obtain a recommendation from the institution before it paroled an inmate. He said the inmate should know when he comes before the board that it is independent of the institution. He pointed out that the agency already received progress reports on each prisoner.

Butler said only one widely publicized case in which a man paroled against the recommendation of the institution got into serious trouble would force the parole in self-defense to abide every time by the institution's wishes.

After that, he said, there would be no need for a parole board.

Butler emphasized he was not against the principle of a corrections division.

Committee Chairman Robert Sibb, R-Burns, said he would appoint a subcommittee to study the thorny problem of transferring hard-core juvenile troublemakers from MacLaren and Hillcrest schools to adult prisons, another controversial provision of the bill.

GONE TO DOGS
TULSA, Okla. (UPI)—A kinkajou has gone to the dogs.

The big-eyed, furry critter from the South American jungles was spotted Thursday swinging through telephone lines in north Tulsa. The Kinkajou scratched a policeman's hand before dog catchers corralled it. Taken to the dog pound, it was last reported getting along well with the dogs.

Farm Funds Lack Cash

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman says the farm price support fund is empty and no payments can be made until Congress votes more money.

The fund is administered by the Commodity Credit Corp. Its multi-billion-dollar program finances a system of price supports, commodity stabilization, foreign purchases, exports and other activities.

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