

CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Morris welcomed Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration (Attachment 4). Ms. Porter mentioned that **SB 49** would delete from current law the Director of the Budget's authority to review and make recommendations for proposed changes in the judicial branch budget. This would allow the judicial branch budget to be presented directly to the Legislature without the budget cuts traditionally made by the Division of the Budget and the Governor. The Chairman thanked Ms. Porter for her appearance before the Committee.

Written testimony was received from Jill Docking, Co-Chairperson, Kansas Citizens' Justice Initiative, in support of **SB 49** (Attachment 5).

Senator Morris mentioned that the public hearing on **SB 49** will continue during the week of January 31, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2001.