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Senate Corrections Panel Gives Hall Stamp of Approval

JACKSON – Corrections Commissioner Pelicia Hall told state senators Thursday that hiring and retaining quality staff, providing meaningful rehabilitation for inmates and reducing contraband are among her goals for the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Hall shared her vision for the agency and responded to questions before the Senate Corrections Committee approved her nomination following a 30-minute hearing at the state Capitol.

While senators were all business, there were moments of laughter, one courtesy of Sen. Hob Bryan.

After hearing Hall tell how a smuggled cellphone could bring \$3,000, Bryan pulled out his phone and asked "How much could I get?"

"Some time," responded Sen. Willie Simmons.