

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Sloan at 9:04 a.m. on March 7, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Carl Holmes

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities
Diane Gage, Sedgwick County Emergency Communications
David Lake, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services
Leo Haynes, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

SCR 1641 - Formation of enhanced 911 task force

Kim Gulley, appearing on behalf of both the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties, testified in support of **SCR 1641** (Attachment 1). Ms. Gulley stated that the Kansas Association of Counties had requested the introduction of the resolution to establish the task force to study the current system and make recommendations for providing enhanced 911 services.

Ms. Diane Gage, Director of Sedgwick County Emergency Communications, testified as a proponent of **SCR 1641** (Attachment 2). With the rapidly changing technology for the delivery of 911 services, it is critical to be able to provide the highest level of service to all users. The task force would provide the means to meet this challenge.

Mr. David Lake, Director of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, provided testimony in support of **SCR 1641** (Attachment 3). Mr. Lake asked that the committee consider adding a representative of pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services to the task force membership.

Conferees responded to questions from Rep. Long.

SB 514 - Natural gas pipeline safety; compromise of penalties imposed by KCC

Mr. Leo Haynos, Chief of Pipeline Safety for the Kansas Corporation Commission, testified in support of **SB 514** (Attachment 4). Mr. Haynos stated that this change would give the Commission additional flexibility in establishing a fair and equitable penalty for violations.

Mr. Haynos responded to questions from Rep. Kuether, Rep. Krehbiel, Rep. McClure, Rep. Sloan and Rep. Klein.

HR 6011 - Resolution urging the Corporation Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations for revisions of the one-call law

Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development for the League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in support of **HR 6011** (Attachment 5). Ms. Gulley explained that during earlier hearings on the One-Call System, several questions were raised. A study by the Corporation Commission may answer those questions.

Leo Haynos, Chief of Pipeline Safety for the Kansas Corporation Commission, testified in support of **HR 6011** (Attachment 6). Mr. Haynos stated that the Commission staff was in full support of the resolution.

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The conferees responded to questions from Rep. Vining.

Vice-Chairman Sloan announced that the committee would be working Sub for Sub SB 257, SB 431 and SB 514 the following day. On Thursday HR 6011 and SB 455 will be worked.

Rep. Loyd moved to accept the minutes of the February 8, February 10, February 11, February 14, February 15, February 16 and February 17. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.