

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on February 22, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Sen. Jay Emler, excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Pyle, seconded by Senator Petersen, to approve the minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meetings held on February 10, February 14 and February 15, 2011. Motion approved.

Chair opened for discussion and possible action on:

**SB 72 – Telecommunications and Price Deregulation**

An amendment offered by AT&T releasing COLR specifications and maintaining price regulation between rural and urban exchanges was discussed. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Kultala, to amend SB 72 with the language supplied by AT&T. Motion carried.

An amendment proposed by Cox Communications enabling consumers to more easily change telecommunications carriers and maintaining interconnection rights with an electing carrier was discussed.

Moved by Senator Masterson, seconded by Senator Petersen, to amend SB 72 by inserting the language for Section 1 as provided by Cox Communications. Motion carried.

An amendment proposed by Sprint deleting language in (A) and (B) on pages 13 and 14 of SB 72 and inserting appropriate language for clarification was discussed. (Attachment 3)

Moved by Taddiken, seconded by Kultala, to amend SB 72 as per the Sprint amendment and insert the language “as related to COLR obligations”. Motion carried.

A proposed amendment concerning electing carrier service was offered by the committee. (Attachment 4)

Moved by Senator Kultala, seconded by Senator Love, to amend SB 72 with proposed language for electing carrier service. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Masterson, seconded by Senator Love to pass out SB 72 as a substitute bill and giving Revisor Sterling authority to make changes as needed for drafting purposes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant  
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