

Approved: May 4, 2011  
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at Noon on May 2, 2011, in Room 152-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Merrick, excused  
Senator Taddiken, excused

Committee staff present:  
Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Chair opened the confirmation hearing for  
Mark P. Sievers, Member, Kansas Corporation Commission

Mr. Sievers gave a brief description of his background and various positions he has held and companies where he has been employed. Currently he is in a law firm partnership with his wife, Jill, in Colorado. He described the scope of his responsibilities in the various companies. He plans on doing a study of KCC activities by visiting with all the staff about their various functions. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Masterson, the appointment of Mr. Mark Sievers to the Kansas Corporation Commission board for a four year term to expire on March 15, 2015, be approved and passed out to the Senate. Motion carried.

Staff briefing on  
**HB 2390 – KAN-ED act; repeal**

Audrey Dunkel, principal fiscal analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, provided background on KAN-ED. She described the establishment of the KAN-ED network; the responsibilities of the Board of Regents; KAN-ED network funding; KAN-ED financing; and KAN-ED services. (Attachment 2)

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, noted that **HB 2390** would (1) transfer all moneys from the KAN-ED fund to the state general fund and abolish the KAN-ED fund; (2) would repeal the KAN-ED statutes; and (3) would strike the provisions of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2010. (Attachment 3)

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

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