

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 9:15 a.m. on March 29, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Kerr, Excused
Senator Brungardt, Excused

Committee staff present:

Sherman Parks, Revisor of Statutes
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
April Holman, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Lea Gerard, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2754–Telecommunications; affordable rates; quality of service; standards.

Mary Torrence, Legislative Research, provided committee members with an amendment to **HB 2754** (Attachment 1). The amendment brings the percentage of the KUSF down and places a cap of 6%. Currently the KUSF fund is less than 4%.

The committee discussed placing the cap from 6% to 5% on the assessment.

Janet Buchanan, Kansas Corporation Commission, stated in a letter that was sent in February, if \$10M were added to the current level of the KUSF, the assessment would move from 3.7% to 4.5%. The committee discussed placing the cap from 6% to 5% on the assessment to fund KAN-ED.

Senator Wagle moved, seconded by Senator Steineger to adopt the amendment for **HB 2754** with a 5% cap. Motion carried.

Senator Emler moved, seconded by Senator Jenkins to move **HB 2754** as amended favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.