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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:05 a.m. on January 13, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Peggy Long-Mast  
Rep. Jerry Williams

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties  
Kim Gulley, Kansas League of Municipalities  
Don Navinsky, Leavenworth County  
Ron C. Hoffman, Kansas 911 Providers Association

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes welcomed the committee members to the first meeting of the year and asked for bill introductions.

Representative Sloan detailed five bill topics he would like introduced as committee bills. They include: 1) incentives to increase electric transmission and generation capacity, 2) generation from renewable resources; requirements for state agency use; rate of return on generation facilities, 3) telecommunications; high-speed service required to be available; location of wireless towers; KCC civil fine authority, 4) utility energy efficiency and conservation programs for certain residential customers, and 5) electric utilities; additional rate of return allowed as a renewable energy and transmission system upgrade incentive. Representative Sloan moved that the bills be introduced as committee bills. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mary Galligan, Principal Analyst for the Legislative Research Department, provided a comparison of all the wireless enhanced 911 (e-911) bills currently assigned to the committee (Attachment 1). The comparisons are based on the provisions in **HB 2476**. Ms. Galligan responded to questions from the committee.

**HB 2334 - Loan fund established to fund enhanced wireless 911; 911 tax applicable to both land-line and wireless telephone service users ; HB 2473 - Emergency telephone service; wireless enhanced 911 service; HB 2476 - Wireless enhanced 911 act; Sub SB 153 - Wireless enhanced 911 act**

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **HB 2334, HB 2473, HB 2476 and Sub SB 153**.

Judy Moler, General Counsel and Legislative Services Director for the Kansas Association of Counties, testified as a proponent of the bills on behalf of the Public Safety Alliance (Attachment 2). Ms. Moler stated that as a result of several meetings throughout last year **SB 153** and **HB 2334** were introduced, followed by **HB 2473** and **HB 2476**, which represents a compromised reaching in the final hours of the 2003 session.

Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development for the League of Kansas Municipalities, appeared in support of the e-911 bills (Attachment 3). Ms. Gulley stated that **HB 2334** is most reflective of what the League believes to be the most appropriate approach to wireless enhanced 911 in the state. She also noted that **HB 2476** represented a great deal of compromise and League's position would not change on that bill.

Don Navinsky, Leavenworth County Commission Chairman, provided testimony in support of the bills (Attachment 4). Mr. Navinsky detailed Leavenworth County's budget concerns with the wireless e-911 program currently provided. He explained that they had the services but not need an avenue to receive funding from the wireless users to continue to provide the service.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES, Room 21-N, Statehouse, at 9:05 a.m. on January 13, 2004.

Mr. Ron C. Hoffman, Chairman of the Kansas 911 Providers Association, testified in support of **HB 2476** (Attachment 5). Mr. Hoffman provided information regarding Harvey County's unfunded costs for implementation of wireless e-911 program.

Ms. Moler, Ms. Gulley, Mr. Navinsky, and Mr. Hoffman responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, at 9:00 a.m.