

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on February 26, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research
Mitch Rice, Revisor of Statutes
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jodie Anspaugh, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Revisor Mitch Rice explained the substitute for SB 153 regarding Enhanced 911. Every wireless subscriber will be required to pay an additional 75 cents per month. The issue of equity was discussed, as wire customers have been subsidizing wireless 911 service. Senator Barone moved to amend Sub SB 153 on page 7 to add "necessary and reasonable" in front of "costs" in section b. Senator Steineger seconded. The motion carried.

Concern was expressed that the committee does not know what the wireless carriers will do with the money. Senator Buntun moved to amend the bill so that the audit will be done after 2 years, instead of 3. Senator Jordan seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Jordan moved to pass the bill out of committee favorably for passage as amended. Senator Kerr seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.