

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 6, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research

Others attending:

See attached list.

Background on:

SB 350 **Regulation of telecommunications.**

Mary Galligan, Kansas Research Staff, presented background information, on **SB 350**, (Attachment 1). Included with this information was a list of terms and their definitions (Attachment 2).

Ms. Galligan also included an outline of what **SB 350** specifically attempts to change in the current climate of regulation and a map with Kansas exchange number coverage areas, (Attachment 3).

Questions were then asked by Representatives: Melody Miller, Tom Sloan, Carl Krehbiel, and Carl Holmes.

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research, (Attachment 4) spent a considerable amount of time detailing what **SB 350** would do for the state of Kansas and how this bill compares to other states that are close to the State of Kansas geographically.

Questions were asked and comments were made by Representatives: Carl Holmes, Tom Sloan, and Annie Kuether.

Proponents will be heard tomorrow on **SB 350** and opponents on Thursday.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.