

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Roger Pine- excused

Committee staff present: Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes Office
Casey Kemp, Senator Emler's Intern
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Allie Devine, Kansas Livestock Association
Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications, KCC

Others attending: See attached list

Allie Devine, vice president and general counsel, Kansas Livestock Association, explained a proposed amendment to K.S.A. 17-618 regarding Eminent Domain Powers and requested consideration of the committee in introducing legislation. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Taddiken, the committee approve the request for introduction of legislation to amend K.S.A. 17-618 to clarify the use of eminent domain powers for wind energy development projects. Motion carried..

Briefing by KCC on Telecommunications

Janet Buchanan, chief of telecommunications for Kansas Corporation Commission, presented a telecommunications overview describing types of carriers, types of services, KCC jurisdiction, Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) and Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) distribution. Current issues include unbundled network elements, FCC UNE Rules, intercarrier compensation, universal service reform, voice over IP, and required telephone bill items. (Attachment 2)

Information requested by the committee from KCC - a map showing the service area of Western Wireless and a glossary on the various shortened terms used by KCC.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Reitz, minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on January 13, 2005 and January 18, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

Senator Emler introduced the revisor and research staff assigned to the Senate Utilities Committee and the secretary and intern. He welcomed the committee and noted that several members were serving for their first year.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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