

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Scott Emler at 3:00 P.M. on March 14, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

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  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chair opened for discussion on

**SB 120 - Telecommunications, regulation thereof, KUSF**

Senator Taddiken noted the heart of this bill is that telecommunications providers are able to compete. He suggested that **S.B. 120** be left in committee so that it stays alive. He proposed language to pursue more information by requesting a study be made by KCC so the committee could review the guidelines and develop some recommendations. After considerable discussion on the proposed language (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Apple, to insert the language as discussed into Senate Substitute for HB 2084 and delete the current language. Motion carried. NO vote recorded by Senator Pyle

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Apple, Substitute for HB 2084 be passed out favorably. Motion carried. NO vote recorded by Senator Francisco.

Discussion returned to **S.B. 120**. All prior amendments were withdrawn and a new amendment was offered to be inserted on page 5, (f), second sentence - "Packages of services are price deregulated and not subject to price regulation by the commission, provided that any telecommunications service included in a package is available apart from the package of services and remains subject to regulation under this section. For the purposes of this subsection, a "a package of services" includes more than one telecommunications service or one or more telecommunications services combined with one or more non telecommunications services." (Attachment 2)

Moved by Senator Pyle, seconded by Senator Reitz, amend S.B. 120 with the following language: "Packages of services are price deregulated and not subject to price regulation by the commission, provided that any telecommunications service included in a package is available apart from the package of services and remains subject to regulation under this section. For the purposes of this subsection, a "a package of services" includes more than one telecommunications service or one or more telecommunications services combined with one or more non telecommunications services." Motion carried .5 yes and 4 no.

Due to the complexity of the issues in **S.B. 120**, question was asked if more time for deliberations on this bill by the committee could be scheduled.

No further action taken on **S.B. 120**.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Secretary

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