

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 31, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Vaughn Flora-excused.

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research

Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Sloan, State Representative

Mike Murray, Embarq

Jim Gardner, AT&T

Janet Buchnon , KCC

Hal Gardner, KAN-ED

Roger Hayden-Deputy Secretary of Corrections

Others attending:

Twenty- six including the attached list.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to introduce a bill for broad band deployment in rural areas. Seconded by Representative Judy Morrison. Motion passed.

Hearing on:

**HB 2157: KCC survey on deployment of broadband technologies.**

Proponents:

Tom Sloan, State Representative, (Attachment 1), spoke in favor of **HB 2157** noting specific examples of people who do not have broad band service in the state of Kansas.

Written Proponent:

Mark Bannister, Fort Hays State, (Attachment 2), offered written testimony in favor of **HB 2157**.

Opponents:

Mike Murray, Embarq, (Attachment 3), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2157** giving several specific reasons why Embarq would not support this legislation.

Jim Gardner, AT&T, (Attachment 4), spoke in opposition to **HB 2157** noting that there is already some data available and commenting that last year alone their company grew by 50,000 subscribers.

Written Background:

Janet Buchanon , KCC, (Attachment 5), provided some written background information on **HB 2157**.

There were no questions asked of conferees.

Hearing closed on **HB 2157**.

Hearing on:

**HB 2194: KAN-ED act; criminal justice agencies.**

Proponents:

Hal Gardner, KAN-ED, (Attachment 6), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2194**, noting KAN-ED's support

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of the criminal justice system using the KAN-ED system.

Roger Hayden-Deputy Secretary of Corrections, (Attachment 7), for Roger Werholtz spoke in favor of **HB 2194**, educating the committee on ways that the corrections department would benefit from using the KAN-ED system.

Richard Morrissey, Deputy Director, Division of Health (Attachment 8), asked for the committee to add to **HB 2194** the Department of Health and Environment, similar to wording in current **SB 148** to help small rural health facilities have access to training programs.

Written Proponents:

Louis Bruce, Warden, Hutchinson Correctional Facility, (Attachment 9), offered written testimony in favor of **HB 2194**.

Carol Woolbright, Greenbush Interactive Distance Learning Network, (Attachment 10), offered written testimony in favor of **HB 2194**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Bill Light, Tom Hawk, Annie Kuether, Terry McLachlan, Rob Olson, and Carl Holmes.

It was noted it would cost around \$600.00 per facility to hook up to the system according to the fiscal note.

Hearing closed on **HB 2194**.

The Committee will work bills on Friday and Monday that were heard this week.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.