

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Burgess- excused
Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Joe Seiwert- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doebelin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Assoc of Counties
Walter Way, Johnson County
Diane Gage, Chair of E911 Advisory Board
Kent Koehler, Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)
Will Johnson, Butler Co Administrator
Patrick Fucik, Sprint
Mike Murray, Embarq
Ed Klumpp, KS Assc of Chiefs of Police
Dina Fisk, Verizon
Kimberly Winn, League of KS Munic.

Others attending:

Twenty-eight including the attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 48 - Sub for S 48 by Committee on Utilities – Enhanced wireless and VoIP 911 services amendments, collection and disbursement of certain funds.

Melissa Doebelin gave an explanation to the committee on **Sub for SB 48**.

Proponents:

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties, (Attachment 1), offered testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**.

Walter Way, Johnson County Government, (Attachment 2), offered testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48** noting the reason why the legislation is necessary.

Diane Gage, Director of Sedgwick County, Kansas Department of Emergency Communications, (Attachment 3) presented testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**.

Kent Koehler, Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, (Attachment 4), gave testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**.

William Johnson, Butler County Administrator, (Attachment 5), offered testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**.

Patrick Fucik, Sprint, (Attachment 6), offered testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48** and noted that Sprint supports the amendment that was added in the Senate.

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Michael Murray, Embarq, (Attachment 7), presented testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**. He noted some of the weighty issues that were addressed in the Senate committee.

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and Kansas Peace officers Association, (Attachment 8), offered testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**.

Dina Fisk, Verizon, (Attachment 9), offered testimony in support of **Sub for SB48**. She offered a suggested amendment.

Written Proponent:

Ron DeGarmo, Kansas Legislative Policy Group, (Attachment 10), offered written testimony in support of **Sub for SB 48**.

Neutral:

Kim Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachment 11), gave testimony for **Sub for SB 48** and gave some suggestions for bringing back appropriate recommendations for legislation by having the existing joint task force meet during the summer and fall of 2009.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Tom Sloan, Margaret Long, Carl Holmes, and Milack Talia.

Upon Chairman Holmes recommendation, Kim Winn gave an historical explanation of the E-911 legislation going back about 14 years. She also explained the distribution of funds that are funneled into two separate funds.

The hearing on **Sub for SB 48** was closed.

The chairman noted that we will be meeting on Monday March 2, 2009 to discuss the federal stimulus package that has designated monies for energy efficiency.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.