

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2011, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Rocky Fund - Excused
Representative Kyle Hoffman - Excused
Representative Charlotte O'Hara - Excused
Representative Michael Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Carl Holmes

Others attending:

See attached list.

Carole Jordan, Director, Rural Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce, provided a fact sheet on the Kansas Broadband Data and Development Program noting it is important to remember that this is a very specific grant, one to each state, for data development. There is no deployment money in it—that all went to private entities, not states, for build out. She also provided a copy of the testimony of Stanley Adams, Broadband Planning Manager, Rural Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce, before the Senate Utilities Committee on January 12, 2011. ([Attachment 1](#))

Hearing on HB 2184 – Including noncommercial aviation use as a recreational purpose for the purposes of premises liability.

Chairman Powell opened the hearing on **HB 2184** and asked Sean Ostrow, Revisor of Statutes, to review this legislation to add noncommercial aviation use as a recreational purpose as it concerns premises liability. Copies of related Kansas statutes limiting liability of property owners to persons entering premises were distributed. ([Attachment 2](#))

Representative Carl Holmes appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2184**, introduced at his request, emphasizing that this legislation would only apply to noncommercial private airports. He explained that the proposed legislation applies to the land or property owner, not the aircraft owner. He noted that Maine, Tennessee, and Idaho have passed similar legislation and that it is under consideration in Montana. His constituent requesting this bill is developing housing and a golf course in a rural area north of Liberal and would like to include an airport if this legislation is passed. ([Attachment 3](#))

There being no other conferees, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2184**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee is scheduled for February 10, 2011.