MINUTES OF THE e-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deena Horst at 3:40 p.m. on January 25, 2001, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Holmes, Wilson and Alldritt, all of whom were excused.

Committee staff present:
        Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
        Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
        Robert Chapman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
        Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes' Office
        Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes' Office
        Gary Deeter, Temporary Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
        Don Heiman, Chief Information Technology Officer, Executive Branch; Director, Division of
        Systems and Communications; and Kansas Chief Information Technology Architect

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The minutes for the January 23, 2001, were approved. (Motion, Representative Lane, second Representative Levinson)

Don Heiman, Chief Information Technology Officer, Executive Branch, reviewed the background for requesting a statutory change in agency reporting on Information Technology (IT) projects. He said **HB 2004** was a housekeeping bill moving the reporting date from July 1 to October 1, a change that will provide more accurate budget figures to the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Chief Information Technology Officers (CITOs) and to the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT).   These reporting requirements came about through **SB 5,** which became K.S.A. 75-7201 - 7212, mandating the approval of agency IT projects over $250,000 by the Executive CITO, the filing of agency long-range IT plans, and reporting of these projects and plans to the JCIT. He said 88 agencies presently submit IT plans and projects for approval and that any given time about 20 agencies utilize 95% of the IT funds. He explained the function of ITEC (Information Technology Executive Council) to initiate policy, planning, and implementation. He outlined the governance structure established by K.S.A. 75-7201-7212, and highlighted the 30 strategies created through the vision of the Strategic Information Management Plan. (Attachment 1)   Mr. Heiman reported that Kansas is the only state with a consolidated governance structure and the only state coordinated under enterprise IT architecture. He illustrated his points by referencing the Kansas Information Technology Office Annual Report, a Summary of Agency IT Management and Budget Plans for FY 2002. (Attachment 2 provides selected pages from the report.)

Answering questions, Mr. Heiman said in 1998 **SB 5** created the present integrated IT structure, an architectural structure followed by all state agencies. He noted that the Information Network of Kansas (INK) provides one of the finest examples of electronic government, ranking #3 of over 1000 government sites. He stated that INK was created by statute as a quasi-governmental agency under a renewable contract with Kansas Information Council, a private entity. Regarding the proposed KAN-Ed Network, he said DISC would manage the network, but private industry would provide the connectivity. He noted the delineation of project status in the Annual Report: active projects ($79 million), pending projects ($14 million), planned projects, and projects seeking funding ($17 million). All IT projects make up 2% of the total state budget, as compared with the national average of 6%. He offered to provide the percent of the IT budget allocated to Regents schools.

The Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2004.** Representative Lane made a motion, seconded by Representative McLeland, to report out favorably **HB 2004,** placing it on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 526-S.**