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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:05 a.m. on January 20, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research

Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes asked for bill introductions. <u>Representative Sloan moved to introduce, as committee bills, the items requested by the State Energy Resource Coordination Council.</u> Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes announced the joint meetings to be held next week with Senate Utilities on Thursday and Senate Commerce on Friday.

HB 2476 - Wireless enhanced 911 act

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on <u>HB 2476</u> with a briefing provided by Mary Galligan, Principal Analyst for the Legislative Research Department. Ms. Galligan provided a side-by-side comparison (<u>Attachment 1</u>) of the e-911 bills heard in committee and the wireless industry proposal shared during testimony. Ms. Galligan responded to questions from the committee.

Representative Sloan distributed a balloon of the bill, which also included amendments proposed by Legislative Post Audit (Attachment 2). Representative Sloan moved to adopt the balloon. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Showalter asked that the committee consider the items addressed in an e-mail received from Ron Hoffman, Director of Harvey County Communications Center (Attachment 3), who testified in support of the bill.

Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, provided additional explanation of the language proposed in new Section 14 on page 10 of the balloon.

The debate on HB 2476 was recessed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2004.