

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:08 a.m. on February 19, 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

HB 2756 - Public safety communication system; purchase of equipment to lease to public safety agencies; issuance of revenue bonds

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2756**.

Written testimony was distributed by John Pinegar in support of **HB 2756** (Attachment 1) on behalf of the Kansas Legislative Policy Group.

On behalf of the Kansas Department of Transportation, a proposed amendment was distributed to the committee (Attachment 2).

Representative Showalter moved to adopt the proposed language. Representative Long-Mast seconded the motion. Following discussion, Representative Showalter withdrew her motion, with concurrence by the second. Representative Showalter moved to amend page 1, line 40, following the word 'act.' by adding the words "Prices for governmental agencies shall recover actual incremental costs of administration, equipment, installation, and maintenance for each lessee". Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Carter moved to amend Section 2 by adding a new subsection (c) that would limit leasing to anyone on towers built after the effective date of the bill. Representative Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion failed. Representative Neighbor moved to change the effective date to the publication in the register. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Dillmore moved to recommend **HB 2756**, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Showalter will carry the bill.

HB 2772 - Public utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2772**.

Representative Krehbiel moved to amend the page 1, line 17 by striking the words 'or without.' Representative Dillmore seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Krehbiel moved to recommend **HB 2772**, as amended, favorable for passage. The motion carried. Representative Svaty will the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2004.