

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pat Apple at 9:30 A.M. on February 15, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Roger Reitz- excused

Committee staff present: Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Rachel Reiber, VP, Everest Connections, Lenexa

Others in attendance: see attached list

Presentation by Everest Connections

Rachel Reiber, vice president, Everest Connections, provided background information on this facilities based broadband service provider. This provider has been in business since January 25, 2001 and provides service in both Kansas and Missouri. (Attachment 1)

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Lee, the minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on February 9, 2005 and February 10, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

Continued discussion on
S.B. 63 - Public Utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition

After discussion on the amendments made in prior meetings on **S.B. 63**, (Attachment 2)

Moved by Senator Taddington, seconded by Senator Petersen, the committee reconsider all previous actions taken on S.B. 63. Motion carried

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Pine, S.B. 63 be adopted as amended except for (b) and (d).

Substitute motion by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Apple, to amend S.B. 63 by adopting only new sections (b) and (e). Motion failed. (4-3).

Back to original motion by Senator Taddiken,
Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Pine, S.B. 63 be adopted as amended except for (b) and (d). Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Pine, S.B. 63 be passed out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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