

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Kerr, President, AT&T Kansas

Others in attendance: See attached list

Bill introduction

The Special Interim Committee on Energy requested introduction of a bill relating to oil and gas research and amending KSA 79-4227. Senator Emler explained the intent of the bill was to establish the KUERC oil and gas research fund and provide for the funding thereof. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Reitz, introduction of the Special Interim Committee on Energy bill 5rs1753. Motion carried.

KCC provided maps requested by members of the committee at a prior meeting on (1) AllTel FUSF Areas; (2) Sprint KUSF & FUSF Areas; (3) RCC Minnesota, Inc. FUSF Areas; and (4) Western Wireless KUSF & FUSF Areas. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Emler opened the hearing on:

**SB 350 - Regulation of Telecommunications**

Proponents

David Kerr, president of AT&T, in an overview of **SB 350**, reviewed (1) the various choices in voice communications; (2) developments of the past year regarding competition, regulatory process and laws in surrounding states; (3) highlights of **SB 350**; (4) consumer protection; and (5) consumer benefits. (Attachment 3)

At the conclusion of questions presented by the committee, Mr. Kerr offered an amendment to **SB 350**. (Attachment 4) No action taken on this proposed amendment.

The committee requested maps of the three areas with over 75K customers from AT&T.

With only five minutes remaining in the meeting time, Chairman Emler announced that the opponents to S.B. 350 would be scheduled for the following day, January 25, 2006.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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