

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on January 30, 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  
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Federico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Assn  
David Wilson, AARP Kansas  
Janet Buchanan, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chairman continued the hearing on

**SB 350 - Regulation of Telecommunications**

Opponents

David Wilson, Executive Council Member, AARP Kansas, stated that telecommunications services are important to their members and AARP Kansas opposes **SB 350** and all efforts toward deregulation of telephone service. They believe that competition is not developed enough to protect consumers from higher rates and lessened service quality. (Attachment 1)

John Federico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, opposed **SB 350** as currently drafted and offered amendments to the bill that will further protect the Kansas consumer while maintaining a fair regulatory environment that will spur competition. (Attachment 2)

Linda Longston of Cox Communications explained the purpose for the various amendments to **SB 350** offered by KCTA. (Attachment 3)

Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications, Kansas Corporation Commission, summarized the testimony she had prepared to express the Commission's views regarding **SB 350**. (Attachment 4)

Due to the time constraint, the Chairman continued the hearing on **SB 350** to January 31.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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