

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on March 14, 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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chairman Emler opened for discussion and possible action on:

HB 2599 - Unsolicited consumer faxes; no-fax list

The committee heard from proponents Rep. Carl Krehbiel and Rep. Tom Sloan on February 16, 2006. Federal legislation was passed and the FCC is writing the rules and regulations on Fax only to be completed in April 2006. No action taken on **HB 2599**.

SB 576 - Gas gathering facilities, regulation of

Senator Apple voiced his concerns in changing the status of gas gathering. There are issues that need to be addressed more fully. He noted KCC is working on several issues on this matter and are receiving information yet today and no action should be taken.

Senator Pine noted there are issues on both sides that need to be addressed more fully and this should be an interim study.

Senator Taddiken noted he is not comfortable with the bill and would favor an interim study.

KCC noted there was no time schedule on the KCC report as the information requested would be reviewed and staff would make their recommendations. This report should be done for the 2007 Legislative Session.

Senators Francisco and Lee also agreed that more study was needed.

No action taken on **SB 576**.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Pyle, the minutes of the meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee held on March 13, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary