

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pat Apple at 9:30 A.M. on January 17, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Emler (excused)
Senator Taddiken (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached guest list

Introduction of Bills

Mike Murray of Embarq Corporation, explained a proposed bill concerning telecommunications; relating to local exchange carriers and carriers of last resort. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Petersen, draft 7rs1771 be introduced. Motion carried.

Discussion on Use of Electronics in Committee

Dave Larson, Director of Computer Services, appeared before the Committee to explain the changes in providing computer services for electronic committees. For five years, the Senate Utilities Committee (and some House committees) have been electronic (non paper) committees, but the LCC had recently appointed a Strategy Group to study the results of the pilot program using computers in committee work and the goal of the Strategy Committee is for all committees to be paperless and on the same electronic system. The committees in the electronics pilot program were advised they could decide what their individual committee would prefer.

The Senate Utilities Committee members agreed on:

1. Testimony would be emailed to the Secretary and the conferee would also provide 25 copies for distribution. Secretary would forward the emailed testimony to Committee members and staff.
2. Emailed testimony would be placed in a shared folder for the committee and staff to have available for reference.

Dave said Computer Services technicians would be available to assist at committee meetings when any help was needed.

Chair Apple introduced the interns of Senators Emler, Lee and Pine.

Adjournment.

Respectfully admitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachment – 1