Approved: 3-4-08
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 22, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Pyle (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See enclosed list

Chair opened for discussion and possible action on bills previously heard.

SB 469 - Telecommunications, requirements on local exchange carriers as carriers of last resort.

Sen. Petersen explained the proposed amendments to **SB 469** as shown in the balloon. (Attachment 1)

John Federico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, KCTA is in agreement with the changes made to **SB 469.** He noted the word "mandatory" was a key change.

Moved by Senator Petersen, seconded by Senator Francisco, the proposed amendments to **SB 469** be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Taddiken, **SB 469** be passed out favorably as amended. Motion carried. Senator Apple recorded a "no" vote.

SB 468 - Certification of federal universal service fund high cost support by the state corporation commission

Senator Pine explained the proposed amendments. (Attachment 2)

Moved by Senator Pine, seconded by Senator Reitz, the proposed amendments to **SB 468** be adopted. Motion carried.

Steve Kearney provided further information on federal universal service program. (Attachment 3)

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Pine, SB 468 be moved out favorably as amended.

After considerable discussion on some changes in the bill where it was felt that more information and contacts were needed, the following action was taken.

Substitute motion by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Lee, to table **SB 468** until February 25, 2008. Motion carried.

SB 580 and SB 586 will be discussed and possible action taken on February 25 or 26.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Ann McMorris, Secretary Attachments - 3