

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 20, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Carl Holmes- excused

Committee staff present:  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office  
Jason Long, Revisor's Office  
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Tom Holland, Representative  
Josh Montgomery, Community Wireless Communications  
Paul Mosley, Vice Pres Internet Sales and Marketing, Foundation Telecommunications  
Jevin Kastleman, Wheatland Broadband  
Mike Gammage, Baldwin City  
Michael Murray, Embarq  
John Federico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association  
Tim Pickering, AT&T

Others attending:  
Thirty-Six including the attached list.

Hearing On:

**HB 2484**      **Public utilities; rate-making principles; cost-benefit over expected life of generation facility.**

Representative Tom Sloan noted it was not worth trying to work **HB 2484** so therefore, there is no formal testimony.

Hearing on **HB 2484** was closed.

Hearing On:

**HB 2448**      **Grant program for deployment of wireless high speed internet service.**

Proponents:

Tom Holland, Representative, presented testimony in favor of **HB 2448**, (Attachment 1).

Questions were asked by Representatives: Terry McLachlan, Tom Sloan, and Forrest Knox.

Joshua Montgomery, Community Wireless Communications, presented a short video entitled "Sunflower Journeys" about the Lawrence free net system that appeared on PBS. Additionally, (Attachment 2), he offered testimony in support of **HB 2448**.

Paul Mosley, Vice President Internet Sales and Marketing, Foundation Telecommunications, offered testimony (Attachment 3), in support of **HB 2448** giving some background of the company he represents.

Jevin Kastleman, Wheatland Broadband, (Attachment 4), spoke in support of **HB 2448**, noting some of the ways that companies providing wireless service have served the rural communities in the State of Kansas.

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Written Proponent:

Mike Gammage, Baldwin City, presented written support (Attachment 5), in favor of **HB 2448**.

Questions were asked by Representative: Josh Svaty.

Opponents:

Michael Murray, Embarq, offered testimony (Attachment 6), in opposition to **HB 2448**.

John Federico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, appeared before the committee, (Attachment 7), in opposition to **HB 2448**, noting that there are federal government programs providing low-interest loans to provide high speed access to rural parts of the country.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Tom Moxley, Tom Sloan, and Josh Svaty.

Neutral:

Tim Pickering, AT&T, offered testimony, (Attachment 8), from a neutral standpoint on **HB 2448**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Peggy Mast, and Rob Olson.

Hearing on **HB 2448** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.