

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 25, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

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 attached list

Chair opened for continued discussion and possible action on

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

Senator Pine provided some new information he had acquired regarding the adverse effect this bill would have on a small independent telephone company in his district. It was also noted that two other independent telephone companies in other areas would be affected.

Moved by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Taddiken, the amendment to SB 468 adopted at the February 22, 2008 meeting be removed. Motion carried.

A map in two colors (green and gray) showing the areas serviced by AT&T in green and other companies in gray was displayed. Much discussion on how funds distributed for use in the gray areas could be converted to use in the green areas if this bill were passed. It was noted there would be no additional funds, they would just be spread out over a greater area.

Moved by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Lee, SB 468 be tabled. Motion carried.

SB 570 - Kansas universal service fund, exemptions for certain local exchange carriers.

Considerable discussion on language to address intrastate situations. Consensus no action be taken at this time.

SB 580 - Establishing the weatherization assistance program account of the state housing trust fund, providing annual transfer from state general fund

Revisor provided a balloon of SB 580, Due to shortness of time, deferred further discussion until a later meeting. (Attachment 1)

SB 586 - Incentives to encourage development of nuclear power by utilities and authorizing recovery of certain costs.

No action taken, deferred to a later meeting.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachment - 1