

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joe Seiwert at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether – Excused

Committee staff present:

Linda Borrer, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Craig McCullah, Legislative Research Department

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr Paul Atchley, University of Kansas;

Lt Josh Kellerman, KS Highway Patrol;

Luke Bell, Governmental Affairs

Ed Klumpp, Retired Chief of Police;

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Presentation by Walt Way, Chairman of the 911 Coordinating Council

Mr Walt Way, gave an update on the activities of the 911 Coordinating Council and its work to implement the Next Generation 911 service in Kansas. He serves as Chairman of the 911 Coordinating Council. ([Attachment 1](#))

Following his presentation he stood for questions.

Hearing on: HB2219 — Prohibiting use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; exceptions; penalties.

Chairman Seiwert opened the hearing on **HB 2219** . Nick Myers, staff revisor, provided an overview of the bill.

Dr Paul Atchley, Professor of Psychology from the University of Kansas, is the one who does the scientific experiments and understands how they relate to the accidents that occur that are attributed to texting and driving. He gave an over view of the studies that have been done with regards to texting and driving and he did this in support of this bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Following his testimony he stood for questions.

Lt Josh Kellerman of the Kansas Highway Patrol gave an overview of this subject from the law enforcement point of view in support of this bill. Because he is one of those who are the first

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responders to an accident he gave details of what the Highway Patrol observe. ([Attachment 3](#))

Following his testimony he stood for questions.

Luke Bell, General Counsel / VP of Governmental Affairs gave neutral testimony from Kansas Association of Realtors. ([Attachment 4](#))

Ed Klumpp, Retired Chief of Police gave testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Written testimony was submitted in support of this bill by KDOT ([Attachment 6](#))

There being no other conferees, Chairman Seiwert closed the hearing on Bill **HB 2219**.

Seeing no other business, Chairman Seiwert adjourned the meeting at 10:45