

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joe Seiwert at 9:00am on Thursday, March 12, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
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:

John Idoux, CenturyLINK
Coleen Jennison, COX

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing and possible action on: SB109 — Emergencies and disasters and the Kansas disaster utilities response act.

Chairman Seiwert called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests, which included students from Fairfield High School shadowing various legislators.

Chairman Seiwert opened the hearing on **SB 109**. Nick Myers, staff revisor, provided an overview of the bill.

John Idoux with CenturyLink testified in support of the bill to show how there are not enough employees from the communications industry to meet the needs in times of disaster. ([Attachment 1](#)) .

Coleen Jennison with Cox Communications, outlined how the bill could help remove barriers to doing the most important... taking care of and restoring as much as possible the normal for those affected. ([Attachment 2](#))

There being no other conferees, Chairman Seiwert closed the hearing on **SB 109**.

*Representative Finch moved and Representative Thimesch seconded that pursuant to rule 1308A we work **SB109** today, the same day of the hearing. Motion carried.*

*Representative Finch moved and Representative Thimesch seconded that **SB 109** be moved forward to committee. Motion carried.*

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Kuether moved and Representative Thimesch seconded that the bill shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas Registrar in stead of in the Statute book. Amendment carried.

Representative Finched moved and Representative Doll seconded the motion that **SB 109** move favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried.

Seeing no other business, Chairman Seiwert adjourned the meeting adjourned at 9:40