

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Ostmeyer at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Kay Wolf
Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office
Kent Cornish, Kansas Association of Broadcasters
James Franko, Kansas Policy Institute
Jim Miller, Legislative Information Technology Officer

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Committee Minutes

Chairman Ostmeyer called for approval of minutes for January 13, 14, 22, 27, 28, and 29, as distributed on February 4, 2015.

Senator LaTurner made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Introduction of Bills

Willie Prescott, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, requested two bill introductions:

1. Concerning the open meetings and open records act.

Senator Olson moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Concerns false liens

Senator Wilborn moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Longbine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Senator Wilborn requested two bill introductions:

1. act concerning Regional system of cooperating libraries; appointment board members.

Senator Wilborn moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator LaTurner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Concerns Technical professions; scope of practice.

Senator Wilborn moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 86 Kansas transparency act.

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **SB 86**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Senator Kay Wolf appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) The bill is a modified version of 2014 Senate bill; and provides only real time live internet audio broadcasting rather than both audio and video broadcasting. By elimination of the video option the implementation costs are reduced by approximately \$69,000 dollars.

Kent Cornish, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, (KAB) testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) Mr. Cornish said he would prefer the bill contained video provisions and that it be in every committee room. But that this is an excellent first step.

James Franko, Vice President and Policy Director, Kansas Policy Institute, testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)) The Kansas Policy Institute fully support this concept, but also encourages the committee to expand the proposal to more rapidly make the service available and ensure that all legislative proceedings are available for broadcast.

Written testimony was provided in support of the bill by:

Brandi Fisher, Executive Director, MainStream Coalition and Education Foundation. ([Attachment 4](#))

Bob Weeks, Wichita, Kansas provided written testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Tammy Bartels, President, Kansas PTA. ([Attachment 6](#))

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Jim Miller, Legislative Information Technology Officer, presented information on the bill. ([Attachment 7](#)) The bill would create a pilot project that would broadcast audio of legislative committee meetings that convene in certain committee rooms, as designated by the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer (LCITO). The broadcasts would be required to be available in real time for public access; and archives of all broadcast would be available to the public on the internet. Each committee may suspend the broadcasting requirement by a two-thirds vote of the committees voting members when there is an equipment failure and the purpose of the vote is not to avoid the requirements of the bill.

Mr. Miller addressed questions and concerns from the committee.

Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **SB 86**.

The next meeting is scheduled February 12, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.