

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:36pm on Wednesday, February 03, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department  
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Steve Abrams - representing personal circumstances  
Jason Smith - Rainbow Communications  
Catherine Moyer - Pioneer Communications/Ulysses

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Olson opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

### **Possible bill introductions**

There were no proposed bill introductions.

### **Hearing on: SB346 — Telecommunications and universal service support.**

Chairman opened the hearing on the bill and called on Matt Sterling for a Revisor of Statutes explanation of the bill. ([Attachment #1](#))

Senator Steve Abrams provided proponent testimony by sharing his personal account. ([Attachment #2](#))

Committee questions and comments ensued.

Jason Smith provided proponent testimony representing Rainbow Communications. ([Attachment #3](#))

Catherine Moyer provided proponent testimony representing Pioneer Communications. ([Attachment #4](#))  
She referenced colored map of Rural Certified Areas of Telephone Exchanges in Kansas ([Attachment #5](#)) and explained a proposed balloon amendment to the bill. ([Attachment #6](#))

Chairman Olson stated that the Revised Fiscal Note for the bill would be discussed after amendments to the bill had been considered.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Committee questions and comments ensued.

Since it was apparent that committee was running short on time, Chairman Olson offered any conferees with scheduling or travel conflicts an opportunity to go ahead and testify today.

John Idoux provided neutral testimony representing Century Link. He discussed the intention to provide an amendment to the bill. ([Attachment #7](#))

Committee comments and questions ensued.

Seeing no further questions or comments Chairman Olson suspended the hearing on the bill until February 4, 2016 committee meeting.

Senator Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016.