

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

The meeting was called to order by \_\_\_\_\_ Representative Mike Meacham at  
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxx~~ am/p.m. on January 31, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Sherry Brown, Fiscal Staff, Research Department  
Chris Stanfield, Fiscal Staff, Research Department  
James A. Wilson, III, Senior Assistant Revisor  
Betty Ellison, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Jamie Schwartz  
Secretary of Economic Development

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Meacham. He noted that the agenda listed House Bill 2167, regarding emergency telephone service, for hearings. However, since hearings were held on it last year, he would rather go ahead with amendment and final action if there was no objection. Copies of a proposed amendment were given to the Committee. (Attachment 1) This amendment represented an agreement about language reached by the proponents of 911 service and the telephone companies. Representative Rolfs moved that the amendment be adopted. The motion was seconded by Representative Aylward. The motion carried.

Representative Green expressed opposition to the bill with the amendment. He presented a proposed amendment which would localize it to Sedgwick County. (Attachment 2) With his amendment, Sedgwick County could utilize it and other counties could come to the legislature to have authority to use it if they wished. It was his understanding that as the bill was written, it would be effective statewide; then if city management should change at a later date, this tax could be imposed without consent of the public. Mr. Wilson of the Revisor's Office noted that a technical change would be needed to make the amendments fit together. The Chairman said that a conceptual motion would give Mr. Wilson license to make the amendment fit if it passes.

Representative Rolfs asked what effect this would have on home rule--if this would be a non-uniform statute that they could opt out. Mr. Wilson said that cities have a broader power of home rule than counties do, but he would have to refer to the statute. Representative Chronister commented that she understood Representative Green's desire to limit the bill to Sedgwick County, but if that was done, the same bill would be coming back from other counties in the future. She was not in favor of limiting it in that way, so she was in opposition to his amendment.

Chairman Meacham explained that if Representative Green's amendment made it non-uniform under the home rule statute, then other counties would not have to come back to the legislature; also the restrictions that were placed in the bill would not apply to any county but Sedgwick County. Representative Green noted that he may have moved his amendment too soon, but he was opposed to making any changes in the emergency system. An answer to the question of home rule was not immediately available.

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Representative Rolfs commented that he was not comfortable with localizing legislation because he felt that policy that is appropriate at the state level should apply to everyone--if it isn't, then the bill should be defeated on its merits.

Representative Green moved his amendment. Representative Roper seconded the motion. The motion was lost.

Representative Helgerson moved to recommend the bill as amended favorable for passage. Representative Chronister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hearings on House Bill 2652, regarding incubator facilities for small business, were reopened. Secretary Schwartz testified in favor of the bill. He offered the support of the Administration, at least in theory, to the concept of incubators for small businesses. He felt that the bill needed to define what type of businesses would be involved--the Department of Economic Development was interested in working primarily with manufacturing. He said that the department has worked with some communities, Manhattan in particular, where a facility has successfully hatched about six companies over a period of 18 months to three years; those companies have then moved out into facilities that they have built. In a broad concept, the Secretary added the caveat that the Governor did not fund the bill and he assumed that the Legislature would find the funds.

The Chairman noted that during the interim, the Committee had asked for an audit regarding the duplication of data processing accounting systems in Kansas and there would be a report on that by Legislative Post Audit at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on February 1, 1984.



## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO H.B. NO. 2167

"AN ACT concerning telephone services for emergencies; relating to the use of funds therefor; amending K.S.A. 12-5304 and repealing the existing section."

Be amended:

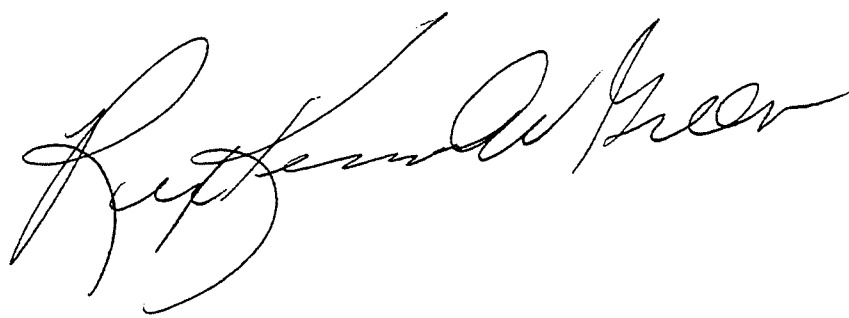
On page 1, in line 31, by striking "to pay any cost of providing" and inserting in lieu thereof "solely to pay for (1) the monthly recurring charges billed by the service supplier for the emergency telephone service, (2) initial installation, service establishment, nonrecurring startup charges billed by the service supplier for the emergency telephone service, (3) charges for capital improvements and enhancements to the emergency telephone system billed by the service supplier for"; in line 32, preceding the period by inserting ", or (4) any combination thereof";

*Rep. [unclear]*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HB 2167

On page 1, in line 31, by striking all before "the" and inserting "solely to pay for the monthly recurring charges billed by the service supplier for"; in line 32, following the period, by inserting "In Sedgwick county, any funds collected from the tax imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5302, and amendments thereto, shall be spent to pay any cost of providing the emergency telephone service."



## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Communications, Computers and Technology

Recommends that House Bill No. 2167

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And the bill be passed as amended.

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Chairperson