

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

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

1:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on March 30, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Chronister, excused
Representative Adam, excused

Committee staff present:

Sherry Brown, Fiscal Staff, Research Department
Betty Ellison, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Marvin Harder, Secretary of Administration

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Meacham. He called attention to House Bill 3121, which he said was a product of the Ways and Means Sub-committee on the Department of Administration. Representative Rolfs explained the bill. He noted that in the Sub-committee's review of the statutes of the Department of Administration, it was found that this was not a statutorially recognized office. It was felt that with the possibility of a State Telecommunications System and an additional expenditure of \$32 million dollars, it would be appropriate to create a Division with no additional employees, but to give it Division status and charge that Division with the responsibility of administering this ever-increasing scope of responsibility in state government.

Representative Green asked if this would be an advisory recommendation back to this committee, or Ways and Means. Chairman Meacham responded that there are Divisions within the Department of Administration--Division of Personnel Services, Division of Purchasing, Division of General Services (GSA), Division on Information Systems and Computing (DISC), which is currently a free-standing Division. This bill would create another Division with a Director in the unclassified service who would report to the Secretary.

Representative Friedeman asked if this had anything to do with the proposal presented to the Committee by the Secretary of Administration. Representative Rolfs replied that was what prompted this proposal. When the Sub-committee was looking at the Statutes, it was discovered that all of the telecommunications responsibilities were directed to the Secretary of Administration rather than to a Division, which is normal practice in the larger areas of responsibility.

Dr. Marvin Harder, Secretary of Administration, commented on the bill. He said that he was supportive of this idea, but he suggested that DISC and Telecommunications be put into the same Division, on the basic premise that both are essentially involved in communications and ultimately telecommunications involves computers and transmission of data processing. The Secretary said that it would be of significant help to his office to have someone full time keeping abreast of the rapid changes occurring in the field of data processing. Part of his suggestion was that someone in the unclassified position of Director would in effect have supervision of the planning staff, so that the director is thinking of policy and planning and impact on other agencies, and the technicians are left to perform the technical side of the operation.

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Representative Rolfs moved a conceptual amendment to House Bill 3121 to create a Division of Communications with a Director, and that within that Division there would be a Deputy Director of Computer Operations and a Deputy Director of Telecommunications (the Director and the two Deputy Directors to be unclassified). The motion was seconded by Representative Dean.

Representative Helgerson agreed in the concept of the effort, but he questioned how large this Division might become and how many people might be added. Representative Rolfs replied that would be subject to appropriation. He said that essentially it would be joining the group of people currently in Telecommunications and joining the people currently in DISC and putting one policy and management-type person over them. The one new position would be the person who would be in charge of that over-all entity. He felt that this was necessary in view of the growth in both of these areas. Representative Helgerson agreed, but he was concerned that the plan might have a tendency of ballooning. Representative Dean commented that this would be an appropriate proposal, allowing an interface between the Secretary and these two areas of high technology. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Representative Dean moved and Representative Rolfs seconded favorable recommendation of House Bill 3121 as amended, or a substitute bill if necessary. The motion carried. Representative Friedeman voted no.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

Recommends that House Bill No. 3121

"AN ACT concerning the department of administration; establishing a division of telecommunications services therein; providing for appointment of a director of the division; amending K.S.A. 75-4710 and 75-4711 and K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4709 and 75-4712, and repealing the existing sections."

Be amended by substituting a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3121," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 3121

By Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

"AN ACT concerning the department of administration; establishing a division of information systems and communications therein; providing for appointment of a director and deputy directors for the division; prescribing certain powers, duties and functions therefor; amending K.S.A. 75-4710 and K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4701, 75-4702, 75-4702b, 75-4702c, 75-4703, 75-4704, 75-4704a, 75-4704b, 75-4705, 75-4706, 75-4707 and 75-4708 and K.S.A. 46-1503, as amended by section 1 of 1984 Senate Bill No. 504, and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 74-7259, 75-4701a, 75-4702a and 75-4702d."

And the substitute bill be passed.

Chairperson