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January 24, 1985
Jayne Aylward
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Jayne Aylward at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 22, 19 85 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Ray Hauke, Research Department
Scott Rothe, Research Department
Lynne Holt, Research Department
James A. Wilson, III, Senior Assistant Revisor
Jean Mellinger, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Quentin Hope, KANZ-FM, Pierceville, KS
Zoel Parenteau, KPTS, Wichita, KS
Bob Fuzy, KCPT, Kansas City, MO
Dale N. Anderson, KTWU, Topeka, KS

Chairman Jayne Aylward opened the meeting. The chairman asked if anyone wished to appear for HB 2027. No one wished to appear and there was no discussion.

Representative Friedeman moved that HB 2027 be passed out favorable for passage. Representative Green seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Dean moved that the minutes of the January 16, 1985, meeting of the Committee be approved. Representative Sallee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

House Bill 2007 - Public television and radio broadcasting, state commission and finance.

Lynne Holt of the Legislative Research staff presented background on Proposal No. 13 which appears on page 175 of the Report on Kansas Legislative Interim Studies to the 1985 Legislators.

Replying to Representative Campbell's question concerning who regulates public radio stations now, Lynne Holt replied that the Kansas Public Television Board has no authority and she referred the question to the public radio station managers present. Quentin Hope of KANZ-FM, Pierceville, stated that on the state level there is no authority.

Representative Sallee inquired about the board promulgating rules and regulations that might be contrary to legislative intent. Chairman Aylward said they could not with this bill.

Representative Campbell asked how many public radio stations there were. The chairman replied that this could be answered in testimony to be presented next.

Quentin Hope of KANZ-FM spoke in support of the bill on behalf of himself and the station and also the Kansas Public Radio Association which represents the five public radio stations in Kansas that meet the qualification standards of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting and are members of National Public Radio; namely, KTSU-AM, formerly KSAC-AM, Manhattan; KANU-FM, Lawrence; KMWU-FM, Wichita; KHCC-FM, Hutchinson; and KANZ-FM, Pierceville. Their support of this bill is for two special reasons. They feel these five stations provide a service to the state with informational programming not available on other stations, arts programming, and specialized programming for children, elderly, and minorities.

Mr. Hope stated that the second reason is the on-service part of the bill.

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room 522-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 22, 1985

Although public radio is growing, there is no place to go for planning or assistance issues. This bill would bring public radio into parity with public television. They are also supportive of the expansion of the board.

Representative Goossen asked what the current sources of revenue were. Mr. Hope replied that about 85% is from private contributions and underwriting businesses and 15% from the Corporation of Public Broadcasters--federal money.

Zoel Parenteau spoke next and stated he supported the bill with one exception. In terms of appropriating funds for radio and television, they would urge that any funds under this bill to be disseminated by the commission be determined by the legislature as to how much would go to each. They support the expansion of the existing board through a more representative commission and the expansion of services to unserved areas of the state especially through the expansion of current stations as the bill directs. He suggested that it not be left up to the stations as to which would extend to the unserved parts of the state but to consult with the area residents and legislators to find out which station services they would prefer.

Mr. Parenteau said they agreed with the state's assisting the public radio and television in acquiring capital improvements but preferred the original bill without the italicized portion on lines 165, 166, and 167 so it could be used to help the parent station with the primary transmitting and production equipment.

Chairman Aylward stated that at the interim meeting it was recommended that separate line items be used for public television and public radio.

Representative Friedeman asked if it was the understanding that money could not be allowed unless the station was expanding service. Mr. Parenteau and Jim Wilson of the staff agreed the bill stated this.

After discussion, Chairman Aylward stated that this would be taken up as a policy decision during discussion on the bill by the committee.

Bob Fuzy of KCTP supported the bill and the statements made by the others and suggested that the word "expansion" be struck and the words "replacement along with modification" be inserted.

Dale Anderson of KTWU said they supported the expansion of the board and suggested enlarging it to 9 or 13 with the idea of using districts according to the Highway Districts (Attachment 1).

Representative Dean asked why he picked Highway Districts rather than Congressional Districts. Mr. Anderson said it was just arbitrary but in terms of radio service, it pretty much reflects their areas.

Representative Dean mentioned the cost of adding six more to the commission. The chairman pointed out that there was a Fiscal Note (Attachment 2) showing the increase from three to seven costs \$4,500 plus administrative costs.

Chairman Aylward called attention to the letter (Attachment 3) in support of the bill from Stanley Koplík of the Board of Regents who couldn't be present.

The hearing on HB 2007 was concluded.

Chairman Aylward stated that they were working on going to K-State to see the Center of Excellence and Robotics Program on Thursday, January 31. The Committee will leave about 3:00 p.m. in a state van and--after a committee decision to attend the Community College Dinner--will return about 8:00.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 1985.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Communication, Computers and Technology

Recommends that House Bill No. 2027

"AN ACT concerning telecommunications services for state agencies; relating to procedures for the acquisition thereof; disposition of fees and charges collected therefor; amending K.S.A. 75-4710 and repealing the existing section."

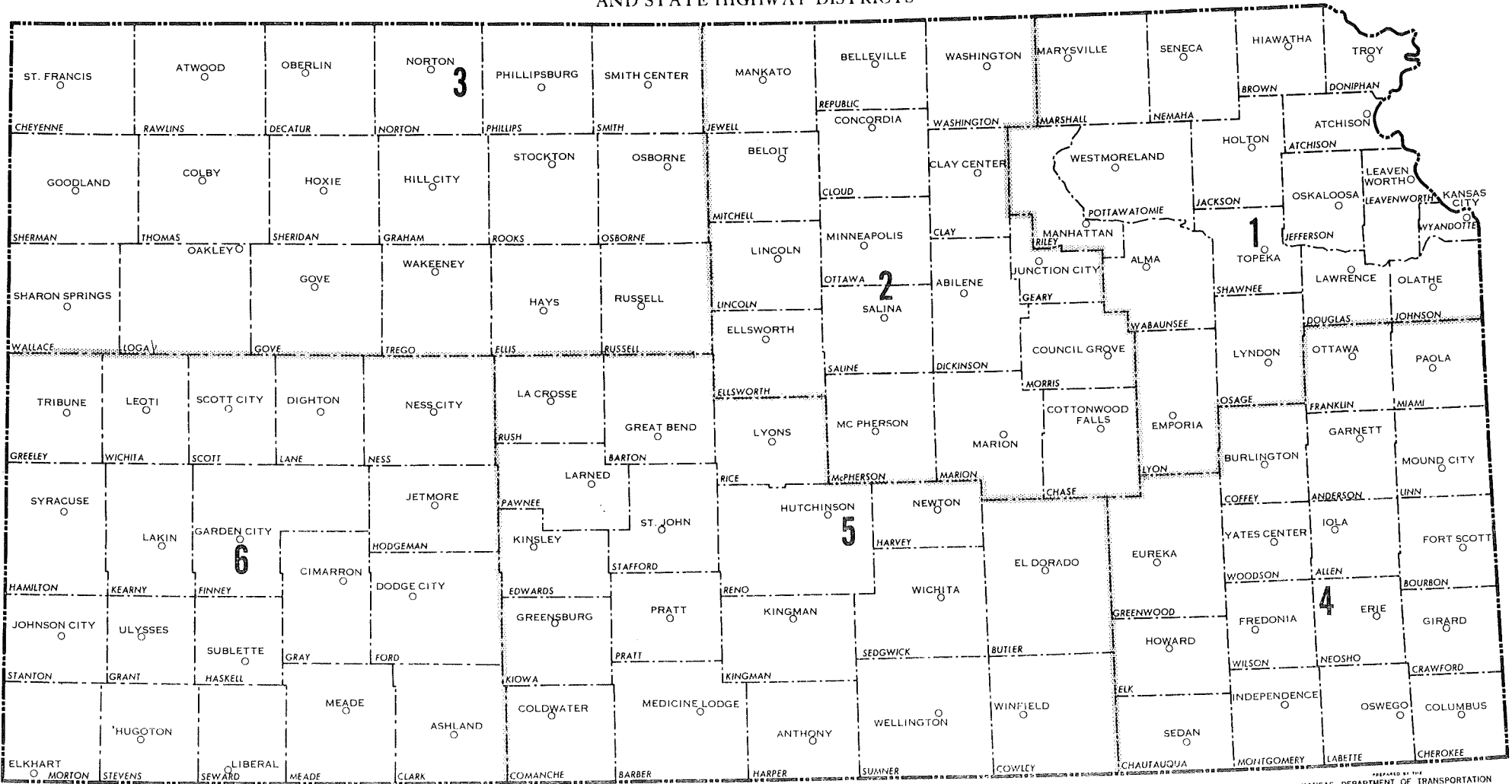
Be passed;

And the bill, which affects state moneys, and this report and this recommendation be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 903(b) of the Rules of the House.

Chairperson

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(Attachment 1)

1/22/85

The Honorable Jayne Aylward, Chairperson
Committee on Communications, Computers and Technology
House of Representatives
Third Floor, Statehouse

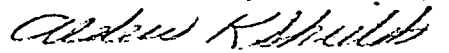
Dear Representative Aylward:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for House Bill No. 2007 by Committee
on Communications, Computers and Technology

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning House Bill No. 2007 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

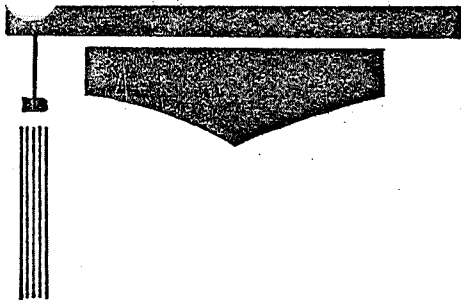
House Bill No. 2007 renames the Public Television Board, adds to the membership of the Board and adds public radio to the broadcast mediums eligible for state financial support. The board's new name is the Kansas Public Broadcasting Commission which will be composed of seven members. This bill retains the three members now serving on the board but will include a senate and house appointee and two appointees from the general public. The senate president and house speaker will name the respective appointees from those bodies while the governor will designate the members from the general public. Also the Secretary of Administration, the chairperson of the State Board of Regents, and the chairperson of the State Board of Education may appoint their own designees.

The Governor's recommendation includes \$4,500 for administrative costs to finance the board's communication (\$750), stationery (\$750), and travel (\$3,000). With the addition of four members it is likely that administrative costs will increase, particularly with respect to travel. Accordingly, any additional required expenditures would be in addition to the State General Fund recommendation included in the FY 1986 Governor's Budget Report.


Alden K. Shields
Director of the Budget

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The Honorable Jayne Aylward
Chairperson, Committee on Communications,
Computers and Technology
Room 425-S, Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aylward:

I regret that I am unable to appear in person before your Committee today to testify on behalf of H.B. 2007; an act establishing a Public Broadcasting Commission. As I currently serve as Chairman of the Public Television Board, I do feel that a statement from me is warranted.

The Public Television Board has largely become a conduit for dispensing legislative appropriations for public television and, of late, public radio. There is probably nothing inherently wrong with this so long as expectations remain compatible with the limited size (three members) of the Board and the absence of staff. More importantly to me, however, is our present inability to become intimately involved with the concept of public broadcasting and the necessary means to achieve better services for the people of Kansas. You can be assured that each member of the current Public Television Board becomes a dedicated public servant on those days when attention is necessary to conduct the affairs of the agency. But this is probably not enough in an age when public broadcasting is fast becoming a viable alternative to the viewing pleasures of the public.

I personally support H.B. 2007 principally because it includes the potential for greater public and legislative recognition of the importance of public broadcasting to our lives. The expanded membership should improve organizational meaning and permit more comprehensive thinking regarding the broadcasting medium in Kansas. I believe that passage of H.B. 2007 would be a significant step forward in recognizing the valuable contributions made to the quality of our lives by various public broadcasting enterprises.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in lieu of personal testimony.

Sincerely,

Stanley Z. Koplik
Executive Director

cc: Mike Harder
Harold Blackburn

(attachment 3)

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