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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doug Lawrence at 1:30 p.m. on January 31, 1996 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Ann Graham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Joe Weber, Consultant, Weber Temin & Company

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Doug Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The Chairman introduced Joe Weber, Consultant to the Telecommunications Strategic Planning Committee report. Mr. Weber gave a brief review of the framework of the telecommunications strategy, which his firm had proposed to the Strategic Planning Committee, at their request, in which they adopted largely as proposed. He talked about some of the underlying philosophies and about specific issues and approaches he had recommended and that were recommended by the Committee. He discussed the objective of the telecommunications policy, the idea of infrastructure and Universal Service and of allowing and encouraging competition to thrive. He discussed stream lining and minimizing regulations, a price cap system and of rebalancing prices. Mr. Weber discussed resale and of it being allowed. He also discussed having a Universal service fund. (See Attachment 1, minutes of January 16, 1996 meeting.)

The remainder of time was spent by the committee asking questions of Mr. Weber.

The Chairman reminded the committee of the Southwestern Bell Telephone tour scheduled for Thursday, February 1. Also a reminder for the people in the industry that are going to be presenting written commentary, they should check with Lynne Holt, Legislative Research, as to what that assignment is and check in with the secretary to let us know if you are going to be presenting written commentaries. This assignment needs to be in by Friday, February 9.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 1996

