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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 February 28, 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:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Doug Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He announced that Monday of next week, March 4, the committee will be asking questions of conferees, that have appeared before the committee, on HB 2994. He encouraged committee members to give it some thought and have their questions collated. On Tuesday, March 5, the committee will take up HB 2728, concerning statewide telecommunications network; relating to nonprofit organizations. It is his intention to use this bill as the vehicle to craft a telecommunications bill. For example; Rep. Carl Holmes has two amendments he is working on, one relates to the Internet and the other to Slamming, the Chairman has asked they be drafted to fit into HB 2728, each amendment will be assigned a number, so they will be easier to determine and identify as the committee adds other amendments and works on creating a telecommunications bill.

The Chairman has spent about 40 hours in the past week and a half meeting with most of the people in the industry on this issue, and tried to discuss the areas of controversy. He has also spent time reading the Federal legislation on telecommunications. He is going to spend the next two days working with the staff and the revisors to draft a starting point of this bill. This probably will not be the final bill but there has to be a starting point and something to work on. He will try to have the language in place for this bill by Friday, March 1, so if anyone would like to have this before Monday it can be faxed or given to you. Also the subcommittee will have a report for the committee on Monday, March 4, relating to HB 3030, the Internet bill.

The Chairman called the committee's attention to a fiscal note that was distributed, on HB 2961, which relates to the regulation of telecommunications in Kansas.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 1996.

