

Approved: JAN. 23, 1997
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Ranson 1:30 p.m. on January 16, 1997 in Room 531--N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Sen. Downey was excused

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Fred Carman, Revisor of Statutes
Jeanne Eudaley, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Ranson called the meeting to order by welcoming members to this new committee and introduced staff members. She announced the agenda for next week - the committee will meet on Tuesday and Thursday, and the following week on January 28, 29 and 30. Next week the KCC will brief the committee on deregulation and restructuring. Sen. Ranson also announced a glossary to clarify terms related to the utility industry has been distributed to the committee. Future meetings will include reports from the Interim Committee on Retail Wheeling and the Interim Report on Gas Gathering.

Sen. Steffes noted the Commerce Committee last session considered the telecommunications bills and asked if this committee will consider telecommunications bills. Sen. Ranson responded that legislation involving previous telecommunications legislation will be referred to the Commerce Committee; however, other bills involving new issues of telecommunications will be referred to this committee.

Sen. Ranson announced there will be roll call votes taken on final action, with voice votes on amendments and that members of the committee may have their vote recorded by requesting the secretary to so record their vote.

Sen. Ranson then asked guests of the committee to introduce themselves to the committee.

Sen. Lee announced she would have a bill ready to bring to the committee on Tuesday for introduction and Sen. Ranson acknowledged that she is aware of one other bill which will be brought to the committee on Tuesday for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55.

Next meeting will be -

January 21, 1997

