

Approved: Don Myers
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Myers at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 1998 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Don Myers opened the meeting to discussion of the minutes that were distributed on March 12, 1998, from the meetings of February 19, February 20, February 23, February 24, March 4, March 5, March 10 and March 11. The Chairman recognized Representative Stone who made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Representative Dreher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman introduced Lynne Holt, Staff, Legislative Research Department, who continued the presentation on Background Information/Policy Issues Regarding Universal Service Fund (see the attachment for the meeting of March 17). She presented information regarding litigation about two lawsuits that took issue with the Kansas Act - the first is pending and the second had just been resolved, the Federal Universal Service Fund, and Policy Questions and Implications.

Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Lynne Holt for her presentation on the universal service fund.

The Chairman appointed a Sub-Committee on the Kansas Universal Service Fund and appointed Representative Aurand as Chairman. Members of the Sub-committee will include Representative Burroughs, Representative Humerickhouse, Representative McKinney, Representative Samuelson, Representative Sloan and Representative Toelkes. The Chairman requested a report from the Sub-Committee by Tuesday, March 24, 1998. The Chairman recognized Representative Aurand, Chairman of the Sub-committee, who announced that the Sub-Committee will meet in the regular committee meeting room tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. He asked for input from the Kansas Corporation Commission, the telecommunications industry, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), or any interested party, to submit options/ideas to try to address the concerns regarding the Kansas Universal Service Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 1998.

HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Jerry Lemmer	KCC
Dorothy Beams	KCC
Don Myers	KCC.
Amy McDonald	KCC - Staff.
Rob Hodges	KTA
Peggy Bales	KCAPR
Paul Snider	SWBT
Earlie Lehman	Western Resources
Nancy Danta	Budget
Jim Youally	CellularOne
BRUCE GRAHAM	KEPCO
CARROLL O'NEAL	AT+T
Doug Smith	SITA
John Pinegar	State Independent Telephone Assn.
Debbie Vignatelli	SWBT
Sandy Wagner	SWBT
Michael Enns	CompTel - KS
Lisa Creighton	SRN SRN
Nelson Krueger	LEL