

## House Select Committee on Broadcasting

### 1998 Session Members

Rep. Doug Mays, Chairperson

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Members:           Rep. David Adkins  
                          Rep. Richard Alldritt  
                          Rep. George Dean  
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                          Rep. Jim Morrison  
                          Rep. Susan Wagle

Staff:               Julian Efir, Legislative Research  
                          Fran Olin, Committee Secretary

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BROADCASTING

March 19, 1998

Room 513-S -- Statehouse

### **Members Present**

Representative Doug Mays, Chairperson  
Representative L. Candy Ruff, Vice-Chairperson  
Representative Richard Alldritt  
Representative George Dean  
Representative Troy Findley  
Representative Jim Morrison  
Representative Susan Wagle

### **Members Absent**

Representative David Adkins

### **Staff Present**

Jeffrey M. Russell, Director, Legislative Administrative Services  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Fran Olin, Committee Secretary

### **Others**

George Lambert, Hammer Production Studios, Inc.

Chairman Mays announced the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to handle requests for video tapes of House sessions. The problem, as the Committee sees it, is that tapes might be used in undesirable ways once released to individuals. It is felt a resolution is needed which would define a policy for use of the tapes with penalties for their misuse.

The consensus of the Committee was to resolve the problem by obtaining a copywrite for the tapes and tagging them in a manner similar to that of sporting broadcasts requiring permission for using or reproducing the tapes with severe penalties attached. Jeffrey Russell will take this matter to Norman Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes, for research.

Two tapes have been released. Representative Steve Lloyd was given a tape of the wetlands debate and Representative Gerald Geringer was given an excerpt from a tape covering his guest chaplain giving the prayer for the House. The Committee decided no additional tapes will be released until the matter is researched and a policy is adopted.

Representative Wagle reminded the Committee that it should request an appropriation for operating expenses for next year. Jeffrey Russell mentioned that several organizations have protested that the tapes are not carrying captions. He estimates that doing the captioning would cost an additional \$75.00 per hour. Funding of \$120,000 for FY 1999 will be requested in the Appropriations Committee for the purpose of taping the 1999 House sessions.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on call from the Chairman.



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Representative Doug Mays  
Committee Chairman

Approved by Committee on:

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