

Approved: March 14, 2005  
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Scott Emler at 3:00 P.M. on March 10, 2005 at the rail of the Capitol rotunda.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

none

Others in attendance: No guest list taken

Introduction of a Resolution

Chairman Emler explained the purpose of introducing a resolution urging Congress to provide funding to the Department of Transportation to improve and upgrade the department's radio communication system. Federal funding may be available to assist KDOT in this project. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Petersen, approve the introduction of a resolution to provide funding to KDOT. Motion carried.

The resolution was introduced in the Senate after this meeting at the rail and is identified by **SCR 1609**.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachment - 1

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By Committee on Utilities

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to provide funding to the Kansas Department of Transportation to improve and upgrade the department's radio communication system.

WHEREAS, Providing law enforcement and emergency response services in Kansas is often complicated by great distances between communities where services are located; and

WHEREAS, Adequate response to natural or man-made disasters requires coordination of a number of response agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Department of Transportation operates for its own use and for the Kansas Highway Patrol an 800 MHz radio communication system; and

WHEREAS, Creation and maintenance of a statewide interoperable radio communication system for the use of state and local law enforcement, emergency services providers, and public health and safety agencies is in the best interest of the citizens of Kansas and the citizens of the United States: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Legislature supports the initiative of the Kansas Department of Transportation to improve and upgrade the department's radio communication system to a truly statewide ANSI/TIA Project 25 interoperable radio communication system; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature supports the Kansas Department of Transportation's project to assist state and local law enforcement and other public health and safety entities in meeting their needs for access to a truly statewide ANSI/TIA Project 25 interoperable radio communication system; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to provide funding in support of the creation of a Kansas statewide ANSI/TIA Project 25 interoperable radio communications system; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to each

member of the Kansas Congressional delegation and the President  
of the United States.