

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 10, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Jason Watkins- excused

Committee staff present:
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Heather Klaasen, Research Intern
Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

Action on:

SB 350 **Regulation of telecommunications.**

Chairman Holmes asked for the committee staff to discuss the recommended technical changes for **SB 350.**

Mary Torrence recommended these technical changes:

1. (q) (1) (B,C,D) changing the wording from subsections to subsection making it singular instead of plural.
2. Page 9 lines 22- 23 (q) (1) (B,C,D) : The petition filed under subsection (B) is incorrect because there's no determination to be made by the commission under that subsection. Her recommendation to the committee was that they either needed to provide that the commission must determine that there are 75,000 access lines or simply delete "(B)" from page 9 , line 23.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to make the changes suggested with the option of removal of (B) from line 23 page 9. Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion passed unanimously.

Representative Tom Sloan brought up the discrepancy of the definition of broad band of having the 200 kb/second in both direction as opposed to how the bill states in one direction.

Discussion followed between Representatives Carl Holmes, Carl Krehbiel and Lynne Oharah. It was decided that the change in question would be more a policy change instead of a technical change and would be left to be amended on the House floor.

Representative Carl Krehbiel moved to pass out **SB 350** as amended. Seconded by Representative Robert Olson.

Debate followed by Representatives: Carl Krehbiel, Jim Morrison, Lynne Oharah, Don Dahl, Virginia Beamer, Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan, and Peggy Mast.

Motion to pass the amended **SB 350** passed.

Chairman Holmes announced that Representative Jason Watkins would carry this bill on the house floor.

Chairman Holmes reminded the committee that there would be no Utilities meeting on Monday and that we are hearing SB 414 on Tuesday and SB 449 on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday we would stay until both bills were worked.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2006.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Utilities Committee at 9:00 A.M. on March 10, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Meeting Adjourned.