

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on January 10, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chairman Emler called the meeting to order and introduced Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes who replaces Bruce Kinzie. Mike provided some background on his experience in the 14 years he has been with the Revisor's Office and looks forward to working with the Utilities Committee.

Chairman introduced Assistant Director of Legislative Research Raney Gilliland who has 29 years of experience and will be assisted by Legislative Fellow Tatiana Lin who comes from Kansas State University and will start work the week of January 15.

Introduction of Bills

Mike Murray of Sprint requested introduction of proposed new or amended statutory language to K.S.A. 66-2008(a) to impose the requirement on VoIP providers to contribute to KUSF. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Reitz, to approve introduction of a bill to amend the language of K.S.A. 66-2008(a) to impose the requirement on VoIP providers to contribute to KUSF.  
Motion carried.

Members requested that information on several subjects be scheduled at future committee meetings. Subjects were: (1) 911 calls on cell phone - phone locked until law enforcement arrives at scene; (2) coal fueled plants; (3) wind energy bills in House Utilities.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris  
Secretary

Attachment - 1



**KS - - Proposed new or amended statutory language**

- 1) Purpose: impose requirement on VoIP providers to contribute to KUSF.

Amend K.S.A. § 66-2008(a) as follows:

(a) The commission shall require every telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility and wireless telecommunications service provider that provides intrastate telecommunications services, and every VoIP provider as defined by K.S.A. 12-302a, to contribute to the KUSF on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis. Any telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility, ~~or~~ wireless telecommunications service provider, or VoIP provider which contributes to the KUSF may collect from customers an amount equal to such carrier's, utility's or provider's contribution, but such carrier, provider or utility may collect a lesser amount from its customer.