

Approved: March 13, 2000
Date

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 3:30 p.m. on February 22, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Dean and Farmer, who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Others attending: See Attached List

The Chair outlined his goal for **HB 2743**. He said he wanted a clear policy statement to pass on to the House Utilities Committee, which would hold further hearings on the bill. He suggested specifying a speed (128 kilobytes per second) rather than a service (ISDN or DSL). Representative McKinney recommended further that a LEC (local exchange carrier) be given 90 days to decide whether to provide enhanced services, and 12 months to deploy such services if they agree to provide them. If the LEC declines to provide such services, a customer may utilize another enhanced services provider. Walker Hendrix, Director, Citizens Utility Rate Payer Board, commented that the jurisdiction of the Kansas Corporation Commission over advanced services has not yet been clearly established. He said under the recent Ameritech agreement with Southwestern Bell, Southwestern Bell is allowed to receive orders for DSL services.

After discussion about naming specific services mandated by **HB 2743**, Representative Holmes made a motion to replace references to DSL or ISDN with 128 kps, a service whose rates reflect aggregate costs and do not vary more than 10% within a service area. Second, Representative McKinney. The motion passed.

A further motion (Representative McKinney, second, Representative Faber) stipulated that a LEC that provides services under this act shall face no adverse consequences under the Kansas Telecommunications Act of 1996. The motion passed.

The Chair requested the Revisor's office to prepare amendments for the bill by Friday, February 25. Members further discussed a LEC's denial of advanced services to a customer, wording in the bill that could provide alternatives for a customer, and a customer notification process that would acquaint customers with alternatives. Mr. Hendrix cautioned that certain mandates allowing recourse to the KUSF might result in higher rates.

By motion of Representative Faber, second, Representative McKinney, the February 15 minutes were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m. **The next meeting will be announced by the Chair.**