

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Billing Vining

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

**SB 86 - Telecommunications; enhanced universal service definition**

Rep. Myers moved to table **SB 86**, Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SB 455 - Late payment fees on KUSF assessments**

Rep. Loyd introduced a balloon that would change the percentage rate from '1% of' to '1.5% of the' in Section 1(d), line 38; would add language to Section 1(d), page 2, line 7 regarding presumption of a carrier being unfit to hold a certificate; would add a Subsection (f) that clarifies the authority of the commission to assess a late fee; and to change the publication to the Kansas register. Rep. Loyd moved to adopt the balloon. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Alldritt moved to amend SB 431 into SB 455. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved to amend by adding a new Subsection 1(e) that requires carriers to pay a fee if they fail to, neglect or refuse to submit a worksheet. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion, motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved to add a new section that states a local exchange carrier shall not charge for a second line or for touch-tone service. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion, the motion failed. Rep. Sloan moved to add a new section that would allow a long distance provider to offer the option of flat rate long distance intraLATA calls. Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Klein moved to add to the just added section, at the end, ", and access rates are competitive." Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Rep. Klein withdrew the motion. Rep. Sloan moved to add a new section that would authorize law enforcement agencies to institute a service for automatic telephone notification of emergencies. Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Sloan moved to add a new section relating to emergency telephone service tax on wireless services. Rep. Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion carried with Rep. Kuether and Rep. Toelkes requesting their 'no' votes be recorded. Rep. McClure moved to amend **HB 2891** into **SB 455**. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Krehbiel moved to add a new section that requests the Corporation Commission to open a docket to ensure availability of comparable telecommunication services. Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Krehbiel moved to add a new section that requests the Corporation Commission to open a docket to ensure intrastate access charge reductions are passed through to Kansas consumers. Rep. Sloan seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Sloan moved that **SB 455**, as amended, be reported favorable for passage. Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Loyd will carry the bill.

**HB 2743 - Expedited deployment of high-speed data transmission services**

Rep. Sloan moved to introduce a House Resolution that requests the Corporation Commission to assemble a task force to study deployment of advanced telecommunications services. Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried. No action was taken on **HB 2743**.

Chairman Holmes announced there would not be a meeting on Monday. The committee would hold a hearing on **HR 6014** on Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 11.33 a.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.