

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 25, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Sen. Jay Emler, excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patrick Fucik, Sprint

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties

Curt Wright, Taylor Oil, Wellsville

Walter Way, Johnson County Emergency Communications

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing on

**SB 30 - Concerning 911 emergency services; prepaid wireless fees, collection and distribution**

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, provided a brief description of the contents of each section of **SB 30**. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Sterling introduced a technical amendment to **SB 30**. (Attachment 2)

Proponents

Patrick Fucik, Director of State Government Affairs for Sprint, spoke on behalf of industry members- Sprint, AT&T, Verizon, Kansas Cable Association, T-Mobile, Cox Communications and U.S. Cellular, who support **SB 30** because it improves the collection process for prepaid wireless products and increases funding for the Kansas 911 system which benefits the public safety of our citizens. In particular **SB 30** addresses one crucial element in the process necessary to update Kansas' 911 statutes: the collection of the Enhanced 911 (E911) fee on prepaid wireless service by retailers at the point of sale. (Attachment 3)

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties, testified in support of **SB 30**. (Attachment 4)

Walter Way, Johnson County Government, spoke in favor of the proposed change to collect the 911 fee at the retail point of sale. He noted the expiration on July 1, 2011 of Kansas law which authorizes a 1% wireless enhanced 911 grant fee upon prepaid wireless service sold in the state. (Attachment 5)

Written testimony only presented by:

Commissioner John Miller, President, Kansas Legislative Policy Group (Attachment 6)

Chris Carroll, AT&T (Attachment 7)

Neutral

Curt Wright, Taylor Oil, Inc, Wellsville, Kansas, supports the concept behind **SB 30** and the intended purpose; however, he voiced concerns about the implementation process. (Attachment 8)

After committee questions and discussion, Chair asked for ideas on how to make the process more simple for the retailers.

Chair closed the hearing on **SB 30**.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

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