

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator 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:

Others attending: See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Steve Hahn, President, AT&T Kansas, presented conceptual language for a bill to modernize telecommunications laws in Kansas.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Petersen, to approve the introduction of such conceptual bill from AT&T, Kansas. Motion carried.

The following information was distributed to the committee by the Research staff:

1. Follow-up Information on Broadband Funding (Attachment 1)
2. Summary of Provisions in **SB 30**, concerning 911 emergency services; prepaid wireless fees, collection and distribution. (Attachment 2)

Explanation of **SB 50, concerning emergency communications service**

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, gave a detailed explanation of the provisions of **SB 50**, an act concerning emergency telephone service and the implementation, collection and distribution of 911 fees. (Attachment 3)

Mr. Sterling offered two technical amendments to **SB 50** - on page 12 of the bill, in New Section 12 (c) and (f) and on page 14 of the bill, in Section 19 (1). (Attachment 4)

Committee questioned language on amount of fees, delegation of authority, new coordinating council, and related appointments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

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