

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Sen. Jay Emler - excused
Sen. Mike Petersen - 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, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Steve Hahn, AT&T Kansas
Dr. Debra Aron, Navigant Economics & Northwestern University, Chicago

Others attending: See attached list.

The following written responses to questions asked by the committee were distributed:

Steve Hahn, AT&T Kansas, responded to questions regarding COLR. ([Attachment 1](#))

Janet Buchanan, KCC, responded to questions concerning the Consumer Price Index for telephone services. ([Attachment 2](#))

Steve Rarrick, CURB, provided a study covering California residential telecommunications services in response to what other states were experiencing. ([Attachment 3](#))

On February 9, Commissioner Ward Loyd appeared in opposition to **SB 72**. His testimony was distributed in written form today and will be included with the February 9, 2011 minutes as an attachment.

Chair continued hearing on:

SB 190 – Telecommunications and price regulation

Opponents:

Steve Hahn, President, AT&T Kansas, noted AT&T opposes **SB 190** because it re-regulates a dynamic, fast-changing and competitive industry. ([Attachment 4](#))

Dr. Debra J. Aron, Ph.D, Navigant Economics and Northwestern University, Chicago, provided an overview of the conclusions she had reached after reading the KCC 2011 Report on Price Deregulation. She summarized what the report shows in (1) deregulated prices; (2) comparisons; and (3) competition. ([Attachment 5](#))

Written testimony was provided by:

John Idoux, Centurylink ([Attachment 6](#))
J. Kent Eckles, VP of Government Affairs, The Kansas Chamber ([Attachment 7](#))

Chair closed the hearing on **SB 190**.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris
Committee Assistant

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