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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on February 17, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Tom Klein

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mike Murray, Sprint
Doug Lawrence, Southwestern Bell
Mike Reece, A. T. & T.

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

HB 2984 - Owners of fiber-optic cable required to submit certain information to state

Mike Murray, Sprint, testified in support of **HB 2984**. Mr. Murray submitted a balloon amendment, for consideration, that dealt with confidentiality of certain information (Attachment 1).

Mr. Doug Lawrence, on behalf of Southwestern Bell Telephone of Kansas, testified as an opponent to **HB 2984** (Attachment 2). They believe that disclosure of certain information could provide a roadmap to those who want to disrupt services.

Mike Reece, on behalf of A. T. & T., testified that they would not oppose passage of **HB 2984** if there was an assurance that its sensitive deployment information could and would be protected (Attachment 3).

Conferees responded to questions from Rep. Sloan, Rep. Dahl, Rep. Alldritt, Rep. McClure, Rep. Loyd, Rep. Long, Rep. Vining, Rep. O'Brien, Rep. Compton, Rep. Kuether, Rep. Morrison and Rep. Holmes.

HB 2897 - Grant of public easements for telecommunications access

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, provided a brief overview of the bill. There were no conferees. Chairman Holmes shared additional background information with the committee about the bill. He stated that he had received information that KDOT granted a contract to DTI for laying cable along I-70 and I-35. The contract includes a time table for fiber speeds with dates at which the speeds will increase. The bill is intended to preclude exclusive contracts without other agencies and entities knowledge.

Chairman Holmes stated that the committee would add this bill to the list of bills being worked on Friday. The committee was also reminded of the schedule for tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned 10:54 a.m.

Next meeting will be Friday, February 18, 2000 at 9:00.