

MINUTES OF THE E-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deena Horst at 3:37 p.m. on January 30, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Chapman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Denise Richards, Committee Secretary

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The minutes for the January 25, 2001, were approved as printed. (Motion, Representative Lloyd, second Representative Levinson)

Kansas Legislative Research Department Staff presented an overview of how state governments are using Digital Technology. (Attachment 1) Audrey Nogle listed the states currently on the top ten list for e-government services: Washington, Kansas, Alaska, Illinois, Utah, New Jersey, Georgia, Wisconsin, Maryland and Texas. She reviewed the Information Technology services of the states of Washington, Kansas, Alaska and Illinois, pointing out salient features from each web site. Robert Chapman reviewed the Information Technology service of the states of Utah, New Jersey and Georgia, pointing out features from each web site. Amory Lovin reviewed the Information Technology services of the states of Wisconsin, Maryland and Texas, pointing out that Texas, Virginia and Kansas were leaders in law enforcement. Ms. Nogle noted the different factors in assessing a state's effectiveness in electronic government. (Attachment 2)

Member questions elicited the following comments from staff: Mr. Chapman said html (hypertext markup language) was being replaced by xml (extensible markup language) on web sites. Representative Morrison noted that the 13 states managed by the National Information Consortium (NIC) now use xml. He said the best sites use the "two-click" rule to enable clients to reach information. Ms. Lovin stated that one web site provided links to all states: www.washlaw.edu. Representative Morrison said digital signature usage will increase as states change their statutes to reflect federal requirements, as Kansas has done. He said the Information Network of Kansas is administered through a contract with the Kansas Information Consortium, a division of NIC

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 106, Landon State Office Building.