

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on February 25, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research
Mitch Rice, Revisor of Statutes
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jodie Anspaugh, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Brownlee began the meeting with a discussion of SB 134 regarding agritourism. The committee discussed amending the bill pursuant to the balloon. (Attachment 1) Senator Emler moved to amend the bill. Senator Bunten seconded. The motion carried. Senator Emler moved to move the bill out favorably for passage as amended. Senator Brungardt seconded. The motion carried. Chairperson Brownlee announced that Senator Jordan will carry the bill to the floor.

Chairperson Brownlee announced that SB 153 regarding Enhanced 911 is not yet ready for passage, but that the committee will spend time discussing it. Concerns were raised by committee members that they do not know how the wireless carriers will spend the money raised by the 75 cent fee. The committee considered drafting the post audit scope statement so wireless companies will know how they will be audited in three years. Senator Brownlee announced that the Commerce Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow to discuss SB 153.

The committee discussed the amendment to SB 235 regarding Starbonds. (Attachment 2) This amendment changes language on pages 2, 4, and 5. The issue of local participation was discussed. The committee also expressed concerns that nothing in the bill prevents the use of Starbonds for casinos. A number of Indian tribes are trying to claim city land in Wichita, and could use this for casinos. Senator Kerr moved the amend the bill on page 2, section g, to exclude casinos. Senator Emler seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Emler moved to amend SB 235 on page 4, section z, to add "but shall not include a project for facilities for a gaming casino." Senator Jordan seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Emler moved to amend SB 235 on page 5, New Section 3b, to include "of the city." Senator

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Jordan seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Wagle moved to amend SB 235 on page 7, section D to include a provision for local participation. Senator Emler seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Jordan moved to pass the bill out of committee favorably for passage as amended. Senator Brungardt seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 123-S.