

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:13 a.m. on March 9, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janette Luehring, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Chairman Holmes announced that the committee would hold hearings on **Sub HB 2591** on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14.

**House Sub for Sub for Sub SB 257 - Electric transmission line siting requirements**

Chairman Holmes resumed the debate on **House Sub for Sub for Sub SB 257**.

Rep. Loyd moved to strike 'if the easement is not within the corporate limits of any' from page 2, Section 3(a)(1). Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Loyd moved to strike page 3, Section 3(d). Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Krehbiel moved to strike page 3, Section 3(c). Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Dreher moved to strike from page 2, Section 2 the sentence that reads "Such notice shall be a minimum of 1/3 page each." Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Klein moved to strike from page 2, Section 1(c), last sentence, "Such hearing shall be held not more than 90 days after the date the application was filed." and replace it with 'The commission shall issue a final order on the application with 120 days after the date the application was filed.' Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved to amend HB 2779 and HB 2849 into the bill. Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Klein moved to report House Substitute for Substitute for Substitute for SB 257, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Klein will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmes welcomed Janette Luehring, Chief of Telecommunications for the Kansas Corporation Commission, who presented an overview of the Lifeline Program. Ms. Luehring's presentation included docket information about the establishment of the Kansas Lifeline service program and the qualifications to participate in the program (Attachment 1). Ms. Luehring also outlined the Kansas Lifeline outreach efforts and provided a copy of the official Lifeline flyer (Attachment 2). Additionally, she provided a copy of the docket filing before the Corporation Commission of the Notice of Filing of Lifeline Report (Attachment 3). Lynne Holt, Principal Analyst, also distributed a copy of a Wall Street Journal article entitled "The Fees That Ate My Phone Bill!" (Attachment 4).

Ms. Luehring responded to questions from Rep. Kuether, Rep. McClure, Rep. Sloan, Rep. Compton, Rep. Krehbiel, Rep. Holmes and Rep. Morrison.

**HR 6011 - Resolution urging the Corporation Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations for revisions of the one-call law**

Rep. Loyd moved to make a technical change regarding the statute number in line 16. Rep. Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Loyd moved to report HR 6011, as amended, favorable for adoption. Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Krehbiel will carry the resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.