

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:35pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department
Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patrick Fucik, Sprint;
Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Olson opened the meeting with a welcome and pointed out to committee members to notice draft committee minutes in their packets that would be considered and approved during the Wednesday meeting.

Possible bill introductions

Senator Olson called for any bill introduction requests.

Commissioner Pat Apple representing the Kansas Corporation Commission requested a bill introduction that would provide a seven year extension to the sunset clause of the abandoned oil and gas well fund. The bill proposes a seven year extension of: the transfer of \$100,000 every 90 days to the abandoned oil and gas fund from each of three sources: 1.) state general fund; 2.) state water fund; 3.) conservation fund fee.

Senator Longbine motioned to accept the bill introduction request and Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Scott representing AT&T and other utilities requested a bill introduction concerning a disaster recovery plan. The bill proposes to expedite recovery processes during a declared emergency by temporarily waiving certain regulations (business registrations, permitting, tax filing requirements) for both local and out of state employees.

Senator Petersen motioned to accept the bill introduction request and Senator Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Seeing no additional bill introduction requests Senator Olson closed possible bill introductions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Utilities at 1:35pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

Presentation on: Update on telecommunications (Continued)

Senator Olson called on Patrick Fucik representing Sprint for an overview ([Attachment #1](#)).

Presentation on: The state of the oil and gas industry

Senator Olson called on Ed Cross representing the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA) for an overview ([Attachment #2](#)).

Seeing no further questions or comments Senator Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:25pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2014.