

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on March 16, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except
Sen. McGinn, excused.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dan Jacobsen, AT&T

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair opened the meeting and continued the hearing on:

HB 2126 - Requiring telecommunications providers to provide call location information in emergency situations.

Neutral

Dan Jacobsen, AT&T, testified that AT&T has a state-of-the-art system for responding to requests for location of wireless customers. He provided a brief description of AT&T's process. Since **HB 2126** has been amended to be consistent with their current practice of providing information to law enforcement officials, AT&T has withdrawn their original opposition to this bill. (Attachment 1)

Committee asked questions regarding when their system had been started, why the Federal law was not familiar to all law enforcement agencies, type of equipment needed and their input on the language in the bill. Mr. Jacobsen noted their emergency center provided 24 hour service and calls were answered by a person who had had specific training in this area.

Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2126**.

Chair appointed Senator Bruce to lead committee efforts and research "Amber Alert" and contact the law enforcement center in regard to how this bill would affect federal law.

Chair continued the hearing on:

SB 284 - Third party administrator authorized for certain utilities energy efficiency and conservation programs.

Committee questioned Westar and KCPL on their energy efficiency programs and the cost to maintain these programs. Discussed private businesses who conduct energy efficiency evaluations. Considered how this bill would affect the programs now being offered by utilities.

Chair closed the hearing on **SB 284**

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Reitz, to approve the minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meetings held on February 25, February 26, March 2, March 3, March 4, March 5, year 2009

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant
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