

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on March 19, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Vaughn Flora-excused
Judy Morrison-excused
Tom Moxley-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office
Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Michael Murray, Embarq
Cyndi Gallagher, AT&T
Steve Rarrick, CURB
Don Low, KCC
Will Lieker, AFL-CIO

Others attending:

Twenty-one including those on the attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 469-Telecommunications, requirements on local exchange carriers as carriers of last resort.

Proponents:

Michael Murray, Embarq, (Attachment 1), spoke to the committee in support of **SB 469**.

Cyndi Gallagher, AT&T, (Attachment 2), presented testimony in support of **SB 469**.

Neutral:

Steve Rarrick, CURB, (Attachment 3), spoke to the committee on **SB 469** and noted some changes CURB would recommend to make the bill better.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Rob Olson, Terry McLachlan, and Forrest Knox.

The hearing on **SB 469** was closed.

Hearing on:

SB 570-Kansas universal service fund, exemptions for certain local exchange carriers.

Proponents:

Michael Murray, Embarq, (Attachment 4), offered testimony in support of **SB 570**.

Opponents:

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Don Low, KCC, (Attachment 5), presented testimony in opposition to **SB 570**.

Will Lieker, AFL-CIO, (Attachment 6), presented testimony opposed to **SB 570**.

Steve Rarrick, CURB, (Attachment 7), gave the committee testimony in opposition to **SB 570**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Rob Olson, and Tom Sloan.

Mark Harper, Director of Regulatory Oversight, Embarq, also was available to help answer questions for the committee members.

The hearing was closed on **SB 570**.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.