

Approved: January 26, 2011  
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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Stanley Adams, Kansas Department of Commerce

Others attending: See attached list.

### Presentation on Kansas Statewide Broadband Initiatives

Stanley Adams, Broadband Planning Manager, Rural Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce, spoke about the Broadband mapping and planning grant; their past efforts and their future plans. The Department of Commerce has coordinated the state's broadband initiatives since 2009. Their key areas of focus are economic development, health care, education and electronic governmental services. He described the Kansas broadband landscape and noted two core underlying issues are being addressed by the broadband initiative: 1) availability and 2) adoption. (Attachment 1)

Committee members had questions regarding the information provided in the Broadband speed examples; variability of equipment and how it affects downloading; how funds were being directed specifically to the unserved and underserved; the strategy being used in the planning efforts for Kansas; how funding was obtained.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

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