

Approved: May 2, 2002
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 1:35 p.m. on April 2, 2002 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Tricia Lightner
Representative Ward Loyd
Representative Judy Showalter

Committee staff present: Robert Chapman, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others attending: See Attached List

SB 614 - Kansas Universal Service Fund funding for KAN-ED

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **SB 614**.

Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director for the Kansas Association of School Boards, spoke to the committee in support of **SB 614 (Attachment 1)**. Mr. Tallman stated that funding for the KAN-ED program was needed and this appeared to be a viable source. Mr. Tallman responded to questions from the committee.

Written testimony in support of **SB 614** was submitted by the Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 2) and Schools for Quality Education (Attachment 3).

Additionally, Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications for the Utility Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission, answered questions.

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **SB 614**.

Chairman Holmes announced we had all four of our bills on General Orders above the line tomorrow.

Representative Long moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, February 19, February 20, and February 21 meetings. Representative Dillmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representatives from Kansas Farm Bureau distributed a memo (Attachment 4) requesting an amendment be considered on **House Substitute for Substitute SB 296**. This bill is one of the four above the line on tomorrow's General Orders.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2002.