

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Scott Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 8, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Anne Spiess, Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association
David Rosenthal, SBC
Joyce Hightower, KTIA - KRSI/TAP Director
Sally Fox, TAP Coordinator

Others attending: See attached list.

Presentation by Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association

Anne Spiess, president, Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association, gave a brief overview of KTIA and the two Kansas programs that KTIA administers that ensure telecommunications services are available to Kansans with special needs. Those two programs are Kansas Relay Service, Inc. (KRSI) and Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). (Attachment 1)

David Rosenthal of SBC, reviewed the history of the Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS) and the Kansas Relay Center (KRC), the specialized equipment needed and used to enable persons with communication disabilities to communicate through the telephone system to anyone and the operation of the KRC. (Attachment 2)

Joyce Hightower, KRSI/TAP Director and Sally Fox, TAP Director, explained the TAP eligibility requirements, how to apply for equipment offered through TAP, certifiers, disability impairment categories, and the location of the TAP Demonstration Sites. (Attachment 3) Committee members were provided with an informational three-ring notebook.

Continued discussion on

SB 63 - Public Utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition

Susan Cunningham, General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, responded to the issue of the KCC jurisdiction raised in the context of **SB 63**. (Attachment 4)

The committee reviewed **SB 63** with the proposed amendments. (Attachment 5) No further action was taken. Discussion will be continued on **SB 63**.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachments - 5

CONTINUATION SHEET

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