

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 11, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Terry Bruce - excused

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

Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Apple introduced the three new members of the committee: Senators Dennis Pyle, Garrett Love and Ray Merrick. Senator Lee has been appointed to the Court of Tax Appeal and on approval of the Senate will be leaving the committee. He introduced the staff from Office of the Revisor of Statutes and the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the committee assistant.

Introduction of Bills

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties, requested introduction of a conceptual bill to continue the 911 fee to finance continued operations and next generation upgrades to our state's emergency response system. The proposal will incorporate concepts from last year's Senate bill with a few new modifications.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Petersen, to approve introduction of a conceptual bill to continue the 911 fee to finance continued operations and next generation upgrades to our state's emergency response system. Motion carried.

Chairman Apple explained a proposed 911 fees bill dealing with prepaid wireless.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Lee, to approve introduction of a 911 bill on prepaid fees. Motion carried.

Chair Apple reviewed the agenda for the next two weeks and the approximate time hearings would be held on the two bills scheduled for introduction. No committee meeting will be held on January 20, 2011 as an out of town trip for all legislators is scheduled.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

Attachments - 0