

MINUTES OF THE E-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deena Horst at 3:37 p.m. on March 15, 2001, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Lane, who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research Department
Robert Chapman, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Denise Richards, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before this Committee:

John Houlihan, Director, Division of Purchasing, Kansas Department of Administration
Aaron AuBuchon, Representative of eScout software
Natalie Haag, Chief Counsel and Director of Governmental Affairs, Governor's Office

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The Chair welcomed John Houlihan, Director of Purchases for the Kansas Department of Administration, who provided an update regarding e-procurement in Kansas. (Attachment 1) He explained that e-procurement is internet-based and allows electronic processing for requisitions, solicitations, receipt of bids, contracts, purchase orders, delivery information, invoicing, and payment. After noting that 10-12 companies have developed e-procurement software, he introduced Aaron AuBuchon, a software representative, who demonstrated the capabilities of eScout.

Staff Amory Lovin briefed the Committee on **SB 97**, which amends K.S.A. 75-106 to allow the Governor to issue a digital rather than personal signature for execution of warrants and requisitions for the transportation of fugitives across state lines.

Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Governmental Affairs for the Governor, stated that provisions of the bill have not been amended since 1923. (Attachment 2) Since the number of fugitives crossing state lines has increased since 1923 and since frequently an authorizing signature is needed immediately to preclude the release of a fugitive, a bill authorizing an electronic signature would meet this growing need. Answering questions, Ms. Haag said if the Governor is not available, the Lt. Governor's signature is valid. The Chair then closed the hearing on **SB 97** and opened the hearing for **SB 98**.

Ms. Haag explained to the Committee that **SB 98** eliminates the statutory requirement that all proclamations issued by the Governor be published in the *Kansas Register*, thus saving the Governor's office the unnecessary expense of publishing proclamations that are intended only to be released through the media. She listed those proclamations which have statutory requirements for publication in the *Register* in Attachment 3, saying that the bill does not change those requirements.

Noting that the Senate had removed electronic signature components of the **SB 97**, Representative Morrison made a motion to restore the Governor's electronic signature language back into the bill. Second, Representative Faber. The motion passed.

Representative Stone moved that the e-Government Committee pass out favorably **SB 97** as amended. Seconded by Representative McLeland, the motion passed.

Representative Wilson made a motion to amend **SB 98** to require proclamations be published on the state website. Seconded by Representative Burroughs, the motion passed.

Representative Wilson moved that **SB 98** be passed out favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Gatewood, the motion passed.

Following up the previous meeting's hearings on **HB 2413** and **SB 227**, staff Jim Wilson handed out a draft substitute for **SB 227**. (Attachment 4)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 526-S.