

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Nick Jordan, Excused

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statues
Sherman Parks, Revisor of Statues
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janet Buchanan, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See attached list

Rob Hodges, President of the Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association, presented an amendment to **SB 397** which includes the support of the League of Municipalities as well as the negotiators from the telecommunications industry that worked out the agreements in **SB 397**. With this amendment it will also carry the endorsement of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association (Attachment 1) and their word that the cable industry will not pursue further changes to the bill as it goes through the legislative process.

The Committee proceeded to work **SB 397**.

Senator Brungardt moved, seconded by Senator Emler that **SB 397** be amended to strike on Page 6, Line 32 and Page 7, Line 10 the word “communications” to be replaced with “telecommunications” and on Page 10 insert Subsection (s) “Subsection ©) through ®) apply to telecommunications local exchange service providers”. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of motion.

Senator Emler moved, seconded by Senator Brungardt to adopt the technical amendments for **SB 397** presented by the revisor with the exception on Page 12, Line 14 the word reasonable (Attachment 2). The voice vote was unanimous in favor of motion.

Senator Kerr moved, seconded by Senator Emler that **SB 397** be recommended favorable for passage as amended. The recorded vote was Yes - 8 No - 0 in favor of the motion.

Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications, Kansas Corporation Commission, briefed the Committee on State Competition (Attachment 3) between the local exchange carriers and their percent of access lines. In fiscal year 2001, the Commission received 87 requests from CLEC’s (Competitive Local Exchange Carriers) for certification which was an increase of 42 over fiscal year 2000. Ms. Buchanan also briefed the Committee on “Activities Update of the Kansas Corporation Commission”, (Attachment 4) which includes pending dockets and dockets completed since the January 2001 KCC Activities Report. Additional information on open or closed Dockets can be obtained on the Commission’s website at www.kcc.state.ks.us.

The Committee requested from Janet Buchanan the following information:

- Breakdown of the CLEC’s franchise territory to measure competition.
- Summary of KSUF funds by company and to summarize the benefits of the dollars.
- Contrast between what companies were giving and receiving before and after the KUSF audits being conducted by the KCC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Friday, January 25, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.