

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:07 a.m. on February 16, 2000 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Tom Klein

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Major General Greg Gardner, Adjutant General
Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties
Rebecca Aranda, Kansas Commission for the Deaf &
Hard of Hearing
David Lake, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services
Diane Gage, Sedgwick County Department of
Emergency Communications
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities
Dana Fenton, County of Johnson County

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Copies of information retrieved from the Internet regarding the Direct Marketing Association's do-not-call list were distributed to the committee (Attachment 1).

HB 2945 - Task force to make recommendations to legislature regarding 911 and E911 telephone service

Major General Greg Gardner, Adjutant General, testified in support of HB 2945 (Attachment 2). His presentation also included the request that his office be removed from the task force.

Judy Moler, Legislative Services Director for the Kansas Association of Counties, testified as a proponent of HB 2945 (Attachment 3). This bill is similar to SCR 1641, which was requested by the Association.

Ms. Rebecca Aranda, Executive Director of the Kansas Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, testified in support of HB 2945. She stated that this was the first step in improving the training for persons working with the deaf and hard of hearing and facilitating their use of 911 services.

Mr. David Lake, Director of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, provided testimony in favor of HB 2945 (Attachment 4). Mr. Lake asked for consideration in adding a representative of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the task force membership.

Diane Gage, Director of the Sedgwick County Department of Emergency Communications, testified as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 5). Her testimony included a request to expand the membership of the task force to include local government and legislators.

Ms. Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development for the League of Kansas Municipalities, appeared in support of HB 2945 (Attachment 6). The League believes that it is vital that the task force be balanced in its representation and would oppose altering the balance that is currently in the bill.

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Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator for Johnson County, testified in support of HB 2945 (Attachment 7). Mr. Fenton also recommended that the task force be expanded to include members of the legislature.

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The conferees responded to questions from Rep. McClure, Rep. Sloan, Rep. Alldritt, Rep. Long, Rep. Kuether, Rep. Krehbiel, Rep. Dahl and Rep. Holmes.

HB 2943 - Authorized uses of tax revenues collected for emergency (911) telephone service

Rebecca Aranda, Executive Director of the Kansas Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, testified in support of HB 2943. Ms. Aranda stated the Commission felt this bill was very critical.

There were no questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 17, 2000 in Room 231-N at 9:00 a.m.