

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Sloan at 9:05 a.m. on March 16, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Carl Holmes

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Vice-Chairman Sloan announced that the committee would be working **SB 86**, **SB 455** and **HB 2743** upon adjournment of the House on Friday, March 17, 2000.

**Sub HB 2591 - State education technology network, establishment**

Vice-Chairman Sloan told the committee that Rep. McClure and he had met with staff and, via conference all Rep. Holmes, the previous afternoon. They took the concepts that the two sub-committees had arrived at and blended them into a balloon and identified three policy areas that needed to be addressed.

At the request of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Doug Heacock, KANREN, and Sal Tayani, Kansas Dept of Education, provided information on Internet 2 in response to concerns of the committee.

Rep. Krehbiel made a motion for a conceptual amendment that would make a statement of intent that the first priority should be getting broad band Internet access to every school and library and that takes precedence over Internet 2. Rep. Myers seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Mary Torrence, Revisor, explained the balloon that came out of the two sub-committees. Rep. Loyd moved to adopt the balloon. Rep. Long seconded the motion, motion carried. Rep. Alldritt moved to change line 37a of Section 5 on page 2 of the balloon to read "... facilities may be used....". Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Alldritt moved to strike the first line of Section 1(b) of the balloon. Motion died due to lack of second. Rep. Loyd moved to change Section 1, second sentence to read: "The purpose of KAN-ED shall be to provide internet connectivity with a minimum speed of 128 kilobits per second, distance learning capability and integration of technology into curriculum....." and to add "For the purpose of KAN-ED" to the beginning of Section 7. Rep. Myers seconded the motion, motion carried. Rep. Loyd moved to strike Subsection 3(d). Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Alldritt moved to recommend Sub HB 2591, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Vining, Rep. Toelkes and Rep. Compton requested that their 'no' votes be recorded in the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Next meeting will be Friday, March 17, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.