

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on March 20, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:
Bill Light-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

There were no Conferees appearing before the committee.

Others attending:
Nineteen including the attached list.

Discussion on:

SB 469-Telecommunications, requirements on local exchange carriers as carriers of last resort.

Representative Tom Sloan spoke to the Committee about including the broad band mapping bill in **SB 469** or **SB 570** to help leave some bills to work on other issues that might still need to be resolved at the end of the session.

Discussion continued by Representative Rob Olson.

Representative Rob Olson. moved to pass out SB 469 favorably, and put it on the consent calender, seconded by Representative Vern Swanson. Motion passed.

Representative Tom Sloan will carry **SB 469** if it is taken off of the consent calendar.

Discussion on:

SB 570-Kansas universal service fund, exemptions for certain local exchange carriers.

Representative Tom Sloan offered a proposed balloon (Attachment 1) on **SB 570**, that would strike the language the Senate put in the bill and all the language Embarq put in the bill and offered said amendment.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to adopt balloon one on Attachment 1, seconded by Representative Dan Johnson.

Discussion ensued between Representatives: Vaughn Flora, Tom Sloan, Rob Olson, and Don Myers.

Motion to amend passed 11-6.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to put the broadband mapping bill **HB 2634** into **SB 570**, as it came out of the House plus a requirement that the Secretary of Commerce and broadband providers recommend funding mechanisms to ensure broadband availability for all, (Attachment 2), and the balloon (Attachment 3), seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor.

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Discussion ensued between Representatives: Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan, Rob Olson, Forrest Knox, Vaughn Flora, and Margaret Long.

Representative Rob Olson requested to divide the motion.

1. Part d (Attachment 3)
2. The language of **HB 2634** (Attachment 2)

To amend **HB 2634** into **SB 570**.

Discussion ensued between Representatives: Margaret Long, Vaughn Flora, Tom Sloan, and Rob Olson.

Motion to amend passed.

To amend balloon one language (Attachment 3) on part d on page 4 into **SB 570**.

Discussion continued between Representatives: Tom Sloan, Rob Olson, Annie Kuether, Vaughn Flora, and Josh Svaty.

Representative Tom Sloan withdrew his motion on part d and the second Representative Cindy Neighbor agreed.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to pass **SB 570** favorable for passage as amended, seconded by Representative Rob Olson. Motion passed.

Representative Tom Sloan will carry **SB 570** on the House floor.

Discussion on:

SB 586-Incentives to encourage development of nuclear power by utilities and authorizing recovery of certain costs.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to amend **SB 586** (Attachment 4), seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor.

Discussion continued between Representatives: Tom Sloan, Josh Svaty, and Terry McLachlan.

It was noted that Morgan Stanley needed more clarity in statutes for funding of projects.

The motion to amend carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 24, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 55 a.m.