

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:12 a.m. on March 12, 2002 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Robert Chapman, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2754 - Telecommunications; affordable rates; quality of service; standards

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2754**. Representative McClure moved to adopt the substitute bill previously distributed. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Loyd moved to recommend Substitute for HB 2754 favorable for passage. Representation Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Krehbiel requested his that vote be recorded as present. Representative Loyd will carry the bill.

SB 480 - Retail electric suppliers; service rights in area annexed by city; procedures; compensation when service rights are terminated

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **SB 480**. Representative Krehbiel moved to recommend SB 480 favorable for passage. Representative Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Krehbiel will carry the bill.

HB 2100 -Unsolicited consumer telephone calls; do-not call list
HB 2903 - Telemarketer no-call list

Chairman Holmes opened discussion on proposed no call legislation and stated there would be no debate or motions.

Representative Kuether distributed a memo from Robert Chapman, Fiscal Analyst, outlining the duties and responsibilities of the FCC and FTC (Attachment 1). Steve Rarrick, Assistant Attorney General for Consumer Protection, addressed the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation. Copies of the Fiscal Notes for **SB 296** (Attachment 2), **SB 538** (Attachment 3), **HB 2767** (Attachment 4), and **HB 2903** (Attachment 5) were distributed to the committee members.

Robert Knapp, Network Manager for the Information Network of Kansas (INK) told the committee they were ready to do whatever is necessary in putting together a state do not call list. Neil Woerman, Director of Budget and Special Projects for the Attorney General's office, spoke to the committee about their responsibility and addressed the details of the fiscal note regarding the Attorney General's staffing needs to implement a state list.

Robert Chapman, Fiscal Analyst, briefed the committee on the memo distributed (See Attachment 1).

Steve Montgomery, MCIWorldcom, provided industry rebuttal to the Attorney General's remarks regarding constitutionality.

Chairman Holmes suspended the discussion on no call legislation.

Chairman Holmes announced we would hear **SB 397** tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. The next meeting will be March 13, 2002.