

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on January 17, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Nelson Krueger
Jeff Wagaman, Kansas Corporation Commission
Janet Buchanan, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached List

Rep. Sloan requested a committee bill be introduced that prohibits 'spamming', which is the sending of unsolicited mass mailings over the Internet and to make it a state crime to knowingly create and send a virus over the Internet. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes welcomed Nelson Krueger, who chaired the E-911 Task Force. Mr. Krueger presented a review of the Task Force report (Attachment 1). **S Sub for HB 2945**, from the 2000 session, directed the Task Force to consider: 1) The mechanism for administering wireless 911 service, with a focus on whether such service shall be administered on a centralized basis; 2) the possible formation of an oversight board to address future technological, coordination and regulatory issues related to deployment of wireless emergency telephone service; 3) the fairness and adequacy of the mechanism of funding such service; 4) the method, if any, for recovering costs incurred by public safety answering points and by wireless telecommunications service providers in providing emergency telephone service; and 5) any other issues the Task Force deems relevant to the deployment of emergency telephone service. **HB 2034** is the result of the Task Force meetings. Mr. Krueger responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes announced that the committee would be holding a hearing on **HB 2035** the following day and working the bill the following week. The hearing for **HB 2034** is set for January 24.

Jeff Wagaman, Executive Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission, introduced Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications for the Commission. Ms. Buchanan provided a review of the telecommunication dockets open at the Commission. Ms. Buchanan responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2001.