

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W015 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Carlene M. Walker
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Lynn M. Hemingway
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Kay L. Mciff
Rep. Aaron Tilton

Members Excused:

Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Darin G. Peterson
Rep. Richard W. Wheeler

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Tilton moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Rep. Becker, and Rep. Mciff were absent for the vote.

2. 2007 General Session Wrap-Up

Mr. Parker reviewed "Selected Public Utilities and Technology Legislation - 2007 General Session" distributed in the mailing packet.

3. 2007 Study Issue Review and Discussion

Mr. North distributed "2007 Potential Study Issues," and noted that the list is not yet finalized. Discussion followed about issues on the list and additional study issues of interest to committee members.

Chair Jenkins said a final list will follow.

4. Internet Pornography Filtering

Mr. Parker distributed and commented on "State Regulation of Internet Pornography."

Mr. Ralph Yarro, CP80 Foundation, reported on current laws which prohibit pornography on the Internet, and discussed possible solutions to the growing problem.

Ms. Cheryl Preston, Professor, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, distributed and discussed "Suggestions for State Legislation." She said that computer education is an important factor to solving the problem of Internet pornography.

Following committee discussion, Chair Jenkins asked for a working group to be organized to hear more on the issue before reporting back to the Committee at a future meeting. Rep. Tilton and Rep. Bird agreed to head the working group.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Rep. Becker, Rep. Fisher, and Rep. Mascaro were absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.