

SENATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Minnesota State Senate
Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Date: March 21, 2005
6:00p.m. Room 123 State Capitol

Present:

Senator Steve Kelley Senator Gary Kubly
Senator David Gaither Senator Julie Rosen
Senator Ellen Anderson

Sen. Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the committee would hear testimony regarding SF 1612 and SF 1540.

The committee heard testimony in support from Victor Dobras, Sprint. Testimony for SF 1612 and SF 1540 were taken together. Barry Tilley, MCI and Leslie Lair, MCI gave testimony in support of SF 1540. Jeanne Cochran, Assistant Attorney General testified on SF 1540, SF 1612, and gave comments concerning SF1540 A-1 amendment. Jeff Oxley, Echelon Telecomm, Keith Wiegel, AARP, Ron Elwood, Legal Services Advocacy Project and Dan Lipschultz, Moss & Barnett testified about their concerns with SF 1612 and SF 1540. Tim Lovaasen, Communications Workers of America testified in support of SF 1540. Burl Haar and Mark Oberlander, Public Utilities Commission offered comments about SF 1612 and SF 1540.

SF 1612 and SF 1540 were laid over.

Sen. Anderson introduced SF 1647.

Sen. Anderson moved A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed.

Sen. Anderson moved A-3 amendment. The motion prevailed.

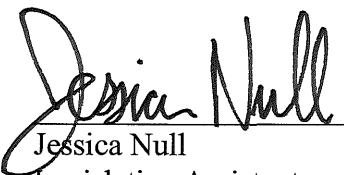
The committee first heard testimony in support of SF 1647 from Tom Murphy, Leonard Street and Deihard, Joe Bagnoli, Nextel, Jim McGreevy, T-Mobile, Ron Elwood, Mid-Minn Legal Assistance, and Jerry Knickerbocker, Minnesota Telecomm Alliance. The committee heard testimony in opposition to SF 1647 from Victor Dobras, Sprint.

SF 1647 was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The proceedings were audio taped.



Senator Steve Kelley
Chairman



Jessica Null
Legislative Assistant

Jobs, Energy & Community Development Committee
Subcommittee on Telecommunications & Technology

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair
Monday, March 21, 2005
6:00p.m.
Room 112, Capitol

Agenda

- I. **SF 1612: Sparks**
Telephone Companies Basic Services Regulation: Minnesota Telecommunications Alliance
- Victor Dobras, Sprint
- II. **SF 1647: Anderson**
Telecommunications Service Providers Combined Per Number Fee
- Jerry Knickerbocker, Minnesota Telecommunications Alliance
 - Victor Dobras, Sprint
- III. **SF 1540: Kelley**
Telephone Companies Basic Services Regulation: Qwest
- Tim Lovaasen, Communications Workers of America

Jobs, Energy & Community Development Committee
Subcommittee on Telecommunications & Technology

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

7:00p.m.

Room 118, Capitol

Agenda

- I. **SF 1045: Ranum**
911 Emergency Telecommunications Service Provisions Modifications
- II. **SF 1225: Kelley**
Broadband Revolving Loan Fund
- III. **Telecommunications Omnibus Bill**
- **SF: 1370 Kelley**
Telecommunications Service Providers Standardized Contracts
 - **SF: 1068 Dibble**
Telecommunications Carriers Long Distance Service Charges Prohibition After Service Cancellation
 - **SF: 640 Dibble**
Wireless Telephone Directory Assistance Service Databases Creation and Maintenance Regulation
 - **SF: 1353 Neuville**
Wireless Telephone Directories Regulation
 - **SF: 688 Kelley**
Cable Communications Additional Franchise Requirements Modifications
 - **SF: 1540 Kelley**
Telephone Companies Basic Services Regulation
 - **SF: 1612 Sparks**
Telephone Companies Basic Services Regulation
 - **SF: 1647 Anderson**
Telecommunications Service Providers Combined Per Number Fee
- IV. **SF 1647: Anderson**
Telecommunications Service Providers Combined Per Number Fee

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Jobs, Energy & Com. Development

Date: 3/30/05 Day: Wed. Start Time: 7:00pm

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	1045
Author	RANUM
Short Descriptor	911 Emergency Telecomm Service Provisions Modifications
Action(s)	Passed as amended re-referred to Jobs
Bill # (or Topic)	1a25
Author	Kelley
Short Descriptor	Broadband
Action(s)	Passed & re-referred to Jobs
Bill # (or Topic)	1370
Author	
Short Descriptor	Telecomm Omnibus Bill
Action(s)	Passed as amended re-referred to Jobs
Bill # (or Topic)	1647
Author	Anderson
Short Descriptor	Telecomm Service Providers Combined per Number Fee
Action(s)	Passed as amended and re-referred

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S.F. No. 1647 - Combined Per Number Telephone Fee

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Date: March 17, 2005

The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish, by July 1, 2006, a fee that applies to each service provider based upon the amount of numbers allocated for Minnesota assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administration in use by the provider. The fee must be calculated to generate sufficient revenue necessary to fund the telephone assistance program, the telecommunications access Minnesota program, the 911 emergency and public safety communications program, and the state's telecommunication regulatory activities at 2004-2005 levels.

The bill also makes conforming changes to the Emergency Telecommunications Service Fee in Minnesota Statutes 2004, Section 403.11, subdivision 1, and repeals a provision that permits the Commerce Department or the Public Utilities Commission to impose an assessment upon any company or parties it investigates for reasonable costs attributable to the investigation.

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Barry Tilley, mcl
3/21/05

Amend S.F. No. 1540 by inserting a new subsection (f) to Section 4, at page 3, line 4.8, as follows:

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the rates and charges for intrastate switched access services of a basic services regulated company serving 30,000 or more access lines shall mirror the company's interstate switched access services. Such rates are presumed to be just and reasonable and may be imposed by the basic services regulated company without prior approval of the commission. The commission may investigate on its own motion or upon complaint by an interested party a basic services regulated company's compliance with this section.