

SB 237 -- TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRICE CAP WAIVERS

SPONSOR: Emery

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Utilities by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill allows specified telecommunications companies that are currently regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission and have maximum price caps to seek a waiver from the commission for the price cap regulations in the same manner waivers are currently granted for other rules and regulations.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill corrects an oversight and allows two telecommunications companies to have the same regulations as all other telecommunications companies.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Ed Emery; CenturyLink; Windstream Communications, Inc.; and Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.