

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 13, 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: Leo Haynos, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached List

Lynne Holt, Principal Analyst for the Kansas Legislative Research Department, distributed documents in response to questions raised from the previous day's hearing on **HCR 5013** (Copy available from KLRD).

Chairman Holmes announced there would be five bills up for debate on the House floor the following day, all of which were from the Utilities Committee.

Representative Annie Kuether distributed copies of articles from the March 12, 2001 edition of 'U.S. News & World Report' (Attachment 1).

HB 2521 - Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act revision

Prior to opening the debate on **HB 2521**, Chairman Holmes introduced Leo Haynos, who led the Task Force that drafted the language for the proposed legislation. Mr. Haynos distributed a detailed breakdown of each section of the bill, then explained the proposed changes and their intent (Attachment 2). The debate on **HB 2521** was opened and the Chairman distributed a list of 30 proposed amendments (Attachment 3). These amendments came from various conferee testimonies and were compiled by Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes. There was no action taken on the first two items listed and, due to time constraints, the debate will be continued at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2001.