

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 22, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees Appearing Before the Committee:

Representative Forrest Knox, 13th district
Representative Dennis Hedke, 99th district
Ed Cross, KIOGA
Dave Holthaus, KEC

Others Attending:

Twenty-two including the attached list.

Representative Forrest Knox moved to introduce a resolution on Hydraulic Fracturing. Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing on:

HR 6008-Opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's regulatory train wreck.

Matt Sterling, Revisor of Statues office, gave the committee a brief overview of **HR 6008**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Vern Swanson.

Proponents:

Representative Forrest Knox, 13th district, (Attachment 1) offered testimony in support of **HR 6008**. He noted this is a resolution originating from ALEC. He noted that a process that usually takes 2 years was implemented by the EPA in 5 months. This bill would show the legislatures disapproval of the rapid rate at which the EPA is initiating action without consideration of the effects those actions might have on the nation.

Ed Cross, KIOGA, (Attachment 2), offered testimony in support of **HR 6008** noting that his testimony included language that KIOGA took to Washington DC to Senators and Congressmen with concern about the speed at which the EPA is trying to regulate green house gasses and other oil, gas, and electric generation production systems. He noted that the Clean Air Act was never written to control green house gasses and we need to wait until some sort of legislation is written to regulate them.

Dave Holthaus, KEC and KepCo, (Attachment 3), spoke to the committee in support of **HR 6008**. He noted that they support the goals that are represented in this resolution.

Representative Dennis Hedke, 99th district, (Attachment 4), gave testimony in support of **HR 6008** noting this resolution will send a signal far and wide both here in Kansas and across the nation. He noted that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) should be renamed the EDA (Economic Destruction Agency).

Neutral Written:

Scott Jones, KCP&L, (Attachment 5), offered testimony from a neutral position on **HR 6008**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Reynaldo Mesa, Mike Slattery, Forrest Knox, and Carl Holmes.

Representative Forrest Knox asked to have this hearing held over so that the committee can see some

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specific regulations that were shared in the Joint committee on Energy and Environmental Policy.

The hearing on **HR 6008** was suspended.

An announcement was made by Tom Day that the KCC will sponsor the telecommunications round table on March 4 from 9 A.M. - noon and a second session on March 11 from 9 A.M. - noon. This will be held at the Kansas Associations of School Boards offices.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.