

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 30, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Craig Sloan, Larned Kansas
Steve Miller, Burdett Kansas
Dr. Scott Brantley Great Bend, Kansas
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club
Les Evans, VP of Power Supply for KEPCo
Tom Sloan, State Representative
Rebecca Floyd, KDFFA
Marilyn Jacobson, Director of Division of Facilities Management
Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Coalition

Others attending:

There were twenty-six attending including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2127: **Electric generation facilities, parallel generation contracts.**

Proponents:

Craig Sloan, Larned Kansas, (Attachment 1), spoke in favor of **HB 2127**, because the increase in the KW generation proposed would allow them to use wind energy for irrigation.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Bill Light, Carl Holmes, and Forrest Knox.

Steve Miller, Burdett Kansas, (Attachment 2), spoke in favor of **HB 2127**. As an irrigator, he would like to be able to offset his costs for irrigating by producing his own wind energy to fuel his irrigation system.

Dr. Scott Brantley, Great Bend, Kansas, (Attachment 3), spoke in favor of **HB 2127** talking about the fact that Kansas is ranked number ten in wind production with actual production potential of being number three. Additionally, he noted that the small farmers in Kansas would have a resource to add to their farming business.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, (Attachment 4), offered testimony in support of **HB 2127** as the Sierra Club continues to encourage more wind power production with irrigators and schools involved in the production. Sierra Club also supports the concept of net metering.

Questions were asked by Representative: Forrest Knox.

Neutral:

Les Evans, Vice President of Power Supply for KEPCo, (Attachment 5), offered testimony with a neutral position on **HB 2127** with some technical additions offered to help clean up the legislation.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Josh Svaty, Tom Sloan, Peggy Mast, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, and Vaughn Flora.

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Discussion ensued that pertained to the clarification of the language of the bill in several different areas.

Hearing on **HB 2127** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2169: K DFA issuance of bonds for energy conservation measures.

Proponents:

Tom Sloan, State Representative, (Attachment 6), spoke in favor of **HB 2169** giving background information on the bill, noting how and why the military would benefit from this energy conservation and efficiency bill.

Rebecca Floyd, K DFA, (Attachment 7), spoke in favor of **HB 2169** noting a more broad application of this bill.

Marilyn Jacobson, Director of Division of Facilities Management, (Attachment 8), offered testimony in support of **HB 2169**. The Division of Facilities are asking that the bill be amended to reflect that the KCC oversee this.

Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Coalition, (Attachment 9), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2169** giving specific use of current Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs. They offered some specific changes that would be recommended for the legislation.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, and Margaret Long,

Hearing on **HB 2109** was closed.

Representative Rob Olson moved to submit legislation for siting of utility owned wind farms. Seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.