

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 13, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Margaret Long-excused
Peggy Mast-excused
Judy Morrison-excused
Tom Sloan-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kimberly Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities
Trevor McKeeman, NISTAC and Sunflower
Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors
Mark Schreiber, Westar

Others attending:

Sixteen including the attached list.

Hearing On:

HB 2485: Energy Conservation; design standards for public buildings; L.E.D. traffic signals.

Proponents:

Trudi Aron, American Institute of Architects, (Attachment 1), presented testimony in favor of **HB 2485** noting that this legislation would help in buildings, the environment, and our pocketbooks.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Annie Kuether, and Forrest Knox.

Opponents:

Kimberly Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachment 2), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2485**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Vern Swanson, and Carl Holmes.

Hearing closed on **HB 2485**.

HB 2405 Incentives for production of energy from renewable resources and use of waste energy from electric generation; sunset of certain tax credits.

Proponents:

Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in support of **HB 2405** noting some questions the Association had with the language of the bill, giving specifics of which portions of the grain plant were to be included and excluded from the bill.

Mark Schreiber, Westar, (Attachment 4), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2405**, noting Westar is specifically interested in utilizing the waste heat from electric generating plants.

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Questions were asked by Representatives: Josh Svaty, and Tom Hawk.

Trevor McKeeman, NISTAC and Sunflower Energy Bio-Energy Center, (Attachment 5), presented testimony in support of **HB 2405**, noting some specific items of expansion of the legislation that would enhance what **HB 2405** could do.

Representative Carl Holmes conversed with Mr. McKeeman about the specifics of the intent of **HB 2405**.

Other questions were asked by Representatives: Bill Light, and Carl Holmes.

Written Fiscal note:

Richard Cram, Department of Revenue, (Attachment 6), presented the fiscal impact that this bill could generate.

Hearing closed on **HB 2405**.

Chairman Holmes noted that the Senate has not moved a lot of legislation to the House Energy and Utilities and therefore asked the committee to think of areas of interest for background information and possible tours.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.