

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on February 14, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research  
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office  
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office  
Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Tom Sloan

Others attending:

Eighteen including the attached list.

Hearing on:

**HB 2639-Energy resources commission, establishment.**

Proponents:

Representative Tom Sloan presented testimony (Attachment 1) in favor of **HB 2639** and additionally a change to the bill (Attachment 2).

Neutral:

KDHE, Ron Hammerschmidt, (Attachment 3), presented written testimony to address **HB 2639**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, Tom Sloan, Vern Swanson, Annie Kuether, Tom Moxley, Bill Light, Carl Holmes, and Josh Svaty.

Further Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, and Tom Sloan.

The hearing on **HB 2639** was closed.

Hearing on:

**HCR 5029-A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress and the President of the United States to develop a program of capturing and storing carbon and other greenhouse gases.**

Proponent:

Representative Tom Sloan (Attachment 4), presented testimony in support of **HCR 5029** noting that the global warming/ green house gas issue is something the United States needs to respond to and that these issues are national and global in scope and not just state and local.

Questions and comments were made by Representatives: Vaughn Flora and Tom Sloan.

Hearing closed on **HCR 5029**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.