

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary
Chris Crowder, Intern to Senator Clark

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevan Vick, Farmland Industries, Inc.
Sandra Hazlett, LIEAP Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services
Richard Cram, Department of Revenue
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities
Walker Hendrix, Consumer Counselor, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board

Others attending: See enclosed list.

This was a joint meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee chaired by Senator Stan Clark and House Utilities Committee chaired by Rep. Carl Dean Holmes.

Presentations on Natural Gas Usage/Demand Factors

1. Kevan Vick, General Manager, Nitrogen Manufacturing, Farmland Industries, Inc. (Attachment 1)
2. Sandra Hazlett, LIEAP, Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 2)
Ms. Hazlett summarized the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) funding and the criteria for eligibility to qualify for assistance in the purchase of home heating and cooling energy,
3. Richard Cram, Director, Office of Policy & Research, Department of Revenue (Attachment 3)
Estimate of FY 2001 Increase to State Receipts from Mineral Tax and Sales Tax attributable to natural gas price increases and estimate of increase to gas leasehold assessed values for 2000 and 2001 attributable to natural gas price increases.
4. Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development & Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities (Attachment 4)
5. Walker Hendrix, Consumer Counsel, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (Attachment 5)

Questions from the committee were directed to the various conferees who made presentations on both January 22 and January 23.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be January 24 at 9:30 a.m. in 231-N.

The next joint meeting of the House and Senate Utilities Committee will be January 24 in the Old Supreme Court Room 313-S from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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