

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 21, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Steve Johnson, Kansas Gas Service

Others attending: See attached list.

The chairman opened the hearing on:

S.B. 546 - Natural gas supplier, termination of franchises

Proponent:

Steve Johnson, Kansas Gas Service, spoke in support of the bill and noted this would give natural gas utility companies the same protection and authority provided to private retail electric suppliers and cities in K.S.A. 66-1,176(b) and (c). (Attachment 1)

Colin Hansen, Kansas Municipal Utilities, provided written testimony in support of **SB 546**. (Attachment 2)

The chair closed the hearing on **SB 546**.

The chairman opened for possible action on

SCR 1618 - Resolution urging Congress to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas exploration and production

Moved by Senator Tyson, seconded by Senator Emler, SCR 1618 be passed favorably. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes:

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Emler, the minutes for Senate Utilities meetings held on February 6, 2002, February 11, 2002, February 12, 2002, February 13, 2002 and February 14, 2002 be approved. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on February 22, 2002.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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