

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 14, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy  
Martha Smith, Kansas Manufactured Housing Association  
Chris Curtin, Curtin Property Company, Overland Park  
Karl Zobrist, Blackwell Sanders  
Sam Alpert, Heartland Apartment Association  
Clark Lindstrom, The Peterson Companies, Wichita

Others attending: See attached list

Chair opened the hearing on:

**HB 2792 - Approval of Highway or bridge lighting plans by corporation commission**

The committee discussed the current laws on lighting of roads, highways and bridges. (Attachment 1)

Proponents

Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy, spoke in support of **HB 2792**. (Attachment 2)

Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2792**.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Emler, **HB 2792** be moved out favorably and placed on the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Chair opened the hearing on:

**HB 2999 - Public utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition.**

Proponents

Martha Neu Smith, Kansas Manufactured Housing, urged support of **HB 2999**. (Attachment 3)

Chris Curtin, Curtin Property Company, Overland Park, felt **HB 2999** was in the public interest because the link of actual consumption and cost must exist to enhance conservation of water. (Attachment 4)

Karl Zobrist, Blackwell Sanders, testified that this legislation should be enacted to clarify that an apartment owner who installs submeters and bills the tenants, without profit, should not be considered a public utility under K.S.A. 66-104 or other relevant statutes. (Attachment 5)

Sam Alpert, Heartland Apartment Association, went on record in support of **HB 2999**. (Attachment 6)

Carl Lindstrom, CPM, The Peterson Companies, urged passage of **HB 2999**. (Attachment 7)

Written testimony was received from the Kansas Association of Realtors. (Attachment 8)

Chair closed hearing on **HB 2999**.

The next meeting of the committee will be on March 18, 2002. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Secretary  
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