

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on January 23, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Dan Johnson- excused
Tom Sloan- excused
Vaughn Flora-excused
Judy Morrison-excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Buchanon, KCC

Others attending:

Twenty eight including the attached list.

The chairman gave an update on our gas price game. The price as of January 22 was \$2.77.

Representative Rob Olson moved to introduced a change to the scrap metal bill, adding stainless steel to the mix of metals that scrap dealers take down drivers licenses and names for the record, seconded by Representative Peggy Mast. Motion carried.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to introduce an electric generation bill, seconded by Representative Tom Hawk..

Janet Buchanon, Kansas Corporation Commission, (Attachment 1), updated the committee on Docket No. 07-GIMT-432-GIT regarding the authority it had to require Interconnected VoIP providers to contribute to the KUSF and scheduling a workshop to address implementation of contributions by such providers.

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

It was noted that the KUSF fund is about \$67 million dollars.

The information presented relates to **SB 49** that was tabled by the committee March 15, 2007. The chairman reminded the committee that to remove it from the table he would need 11 names that would vote to remove it from the table.

The committee also received information from the Department of Commerce on follow up information from their presentation last week. Included was, (Attachment 2) a brochure from the department of commerce that they make available to the public, and (Attachment 3) followup information requested from the question and answer period.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.