

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 27, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Don Myers- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research

Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office

Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Bathurst, S & A Telephon Co.

Janet Buchanan, KCC

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Tom Hawk moved to have a bill drafted that concerns energy efficiency and conservation. Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion Passed.

Hearing on:

SB 349 **Telecommunications, Kansas universal service fund.**

Janet Bathurst, S & A Telephone Co., Allen , Kansas on behalf of The Kansas Rural Independent Telephone Companies, presented testimony (Attachment 1), on SB 349 as a proponent to the bill.

Appearing before the committee as neutral on SB 349 was Janet Buchanan, KCC (Attachment 2).

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jason Watkins, Melody Miller, and Annie Kuether.

Hearing on **SB 349** was closed.

Representative Tom Sloan presented a summary (Attachment 3), of the Special Joint Committee on Energy Actions. His comments included ideas from the five areas of recommendations that were made from the committee: Developing Energy Strategies, Increasing Energy Production in Kansas from Existing Hydrocarbon Fields, Increasing Production of Bio-Fuels and Renewable Energy, Increasing Investments in Energy Conservation and Efficiency, and Increasing Consumption of Bio-Fuels and Renewable Energy in Kansas and the United States.

KEPCo presented supplemental testimony to its' presentation on yesterdays **HB 2636**, (Attachment 4).

Questions were asked by Representative Forrest Knox.

Action on:

HB 2588 **Regulation of electric utilities to support generation and transmission facilities having lowest cost over life of facilities.**

Representative Tom Sloan offered an amendment (Attachment 5).

Representative Tom Sloan moved to add the amendments offered to **HB 2588**. Seconded by Representative Joshua Svaty.

Discussion followed by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Peggy Mast, Annie Kuether, Lynne Oharah, Josh Svaty, Tom Sloan, and Melody Miller.

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Representative Tom Sloan closed on the motion.

Motion passed.

Comments by Representative Knox were made on the amendment.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to pass HB 2588 as amended to the house floor. Seconded by Representative Josh Svaty.

Representative Sloan made comment explaining the bill and what it does with the amendments added and then closed on the motion.

Motion failed 8-11.

No further action was taken on **HB 2588.**

HR 6005 **Southwest Power Pool urged to recognize reliability component and value of economic transmission projects.**

Chairman Holmes announced that Representative Mitch Holmes would carry **HR 6005** on the House floor.

Action on:

HB 2589 **Requirements for state agency use of electricity generated from renewable resources; treatment of certain public utility revenues from wholesale off-system sales.**

Representative Tom Sloan offered a balloon for **HB 2589** (Attachment 6).

Representative Tom Sloan moved to adopt the balloon offered. Seconded by Representative Josh Svaty.

Comments and discussion were offered by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Lynne Oharah, Josh Svaty, Forrest Knox, Tom Hawk, Jason Watkins and Vaughn Flora.

Representative Sloan closed on **HB 2589** with comments why our state needs to move forward with legislation that would help promote wind and clean energy.

The question was called. Motion failed 7-12.

No further action was taken on **HB 2589.**

HB 2599 **Unsolicited consumer faxes; no-fax list.**

It was decided to wait to work **HB 2599** until Tuesday. The committee will work three bills on Tuesday.

Action on:

HB 2636 **Educational entity and municipal renewable energy cooperatives.**

Representative Tom Sloan offered amendments to **HB 2636**, (Attachment 7).

Representative Tom Sloan moved to adopt the balloon for **HB 2636**. Seconded by Representative Josh Svaty.

Discussion followed by Representatives: Robert Olson, Mitch Holmes, Jim Morrison, Forrest Knox, Vaughn

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Flora, Lynne Oharah, Jason Watkins, Peggy Mast, Melody Miller, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, and Annie Kuether.

Representative Sloan Closed on the motion.

Motion failed 7-12.

No further action was taken on **HB 2636.**

Action on:

HB 2656 **Criminal justice agency distance learning on KAN-ED.**

Representative Forrest Knox presented a balloon amendment (Attachment 8).

Representative Forrest Knox moved to pass the amendments presented. Seconded by Representative Tom Sloan.

Discussion and comments to the amendment were made by Representatives: Jason Watkins, Melody Miller, Tom Sloan, Carl Krehbiel, and Lynn Oharah.

Representative Knox closed on the motion.

Motion to amend failed 6-9.

Representative Carl Krehbiel moved to table HB 2656. Seconded by Representative Jason Watkins.

Comments were made by Representative Tom Sloan.

Motion to table passed 11-3.

Chairman Carl Holmes reminded committee members to have amendments for bills ready before we are scheduled to work the bill.

The next meeting will be January 30, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.