

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 29, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Wagle, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 Timothy R. Carr, Kansas Geological Survey

Others attending: See attached sheet

Chair Clark opened the hearing on:

S.R. 1808 - Resolution urging Corporation Commission to order refunds to be paid to certain residential natural gas customers

Chair Clark presented testimony on **S.R. 1808**. (Attachment 1)

John Cita of Kansas Corporation Commission provided information on estimated amounts of ad valorem tax refunds, names of local companies and number of customers. Many questions were asked by the committee.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Tyson, S.R. 1808 urging Corporation Commission to order refunds to be paid to certain residential natural gas customers be passed out of committee.

Senator Barone requested the minutes reflect that he did not vote on this issue. Motion carried.

2000 Kansas Energy Report

Dr. Timothy Carr, Chief of the Petroleum Research Section of the Kansas Geological Survey and Co-Director of the Energy Research Center at the University of Kansas stressed the importance of energy industry to Kansas Citizens and to our state's economy, and presented an analysis of the industry's history, current status and future. (Attachment 2). He also provided each member with a copy of the 2000 Kansas Energy Report, open file report 2000-69, which he refers to in his testimony.

Next meeting of the Utilities Committee will be January 30, 2001.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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