

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:05 a.m. on January 11, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Jerry Williams

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Leo Haynos, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached List

Several items were distributed to the committee. Rep. Meyers provided an article titled "Time for Nuclear Power" ([Attachment 1](#)). Rep. Sloan distributed a USA Today article entitled "Prices Spike as California Bungles Deregulation" ([Attachment 2](#)). Chairman Holmes shared a Reuters article "California Gov. Davis Sets Power Plan" ([Attachment 3](#)). Lynne Holt distributed Telecommunication Glossary ([Attachment 4](#)), Electric Restructuring Terms ([Attachment 5](#)) and Natural Gas Industry Terms ([Attachment 6](#)).

Lynne Holt, Principal Analyst, provided an overview of the State Education Technology-Based Network Task Force. She distributed a listing of the Task Force Members ([Attachment 7](#)), an outline of the Recommendations of the Task Force ([Attachment 8](#)) and the Task Force Report ([Attachment 9](#)). The Task Force recommended the introduction of enabling legislation to authorize establishment of a broad-band technology-based network called KAN-ED and the creation of a public-private entity and board to contract for the creation, operation, and maintenance of that network. The Task Force stressed that the network must be assembled from facilities owned or be constructed by the private sector and must be managed in a manner that will not compete with private sector initiatives. The proposed legislation authorizes schools, libraries and hospitals in Kansas to connect to the KAN-ED network. Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, detailed the bill, section by section. Ms. Holt and Ms. Torrence responded to questions from the committee.

Leo Haynos, Chief of Pipeline Safety for the Kansas Corporation Commission, provided a briefing on the Kansas Underground Utilities Damage Prevention Act Task Force ([Attachment 10](#)). The Task Force was convened as a result of Session 2000 **HR 6011**, which required the Kansas Corporation Commission to conduct a review and study of the Kansas Underground Utilities Damage Prevention Act, to provide for participation of interested parties in the study, and to use the U.S. Department of Transportation's Common Ground Study as a basis for the review. Mr. Haynos also distributed copies of the review of the Act ([Copy available from Kansas Legislative Research Department](#)). Mr. Haynos outlined the most significant recommendations of the Task Force: 1) Water and sewer facilities required to participate in the One Call system, although at a lower level of participation than other buried facilities; 2) Expand the requirements for oil and gas production facilities to include those buried facilities that are located near or along public roads; and 3) Excavators using directional boring equipment be required to dig a hole that will allow them to observe the head of the boring tool as it crosses a buried facility. Mr. Haynos responded to questions from the committee

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2001.