

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:09 a.m. on February 7, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Margaret Long

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2244 - State energy planning act; establishment of energy office and authority; formulation of state energy plan.

Rep. McClure distributed a proposed substitute bill and explained the changes proposed.

The committee stood at ease while the members of the Senate Utilities Committee joined the committee. Mr. Dennis Lee, President and Director of Marketing for 3 companies dedicated to bringing energy solutions to the country, made a presentation to the joint meeting on his companies' initiatives. Mr. Lee was accompanied by Richard Franz of Innotech Marketing Inc.

Following the presentation, the House Utilities reconvened to continue debate on **HB 2244.**

Rep. Kuether moved to adopt the proposed substitute bill. Rep. Dillmore seconded the motion, motion carried. Due to time constraints and based on discussion of the substitute bill, the committee was instructed to look over the substitute bill and be prepared to continue the debate either on Thursday or Friday, depending on time available.

Chairman Holmes shared with the committee that he and Senate Utilities Chairman Clark, along with both committees' vice-chairmen and ranking minority members, had been meeting to coordinate hearings and working together on energy issues.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 8, 2001.