

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ray Dean, KU Professor, retired
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club
Joe Spease, Windsahoy
Wayne Penrod, Sunflower
Colin Hansen, Kansas Municipal Utilities

Others attending:

Thirty-nine including the attached list.

Continued hearing on:

HB 2182 - Requiring the Kansas air quality act to be consistent and uniform with the federal clean air act.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Dan Johnson, Tom Sloan, Milack Talia, Josh Svaty, and Joe Seiwert.

The hearing on **HB 2182** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2224 - Compressed air energy storage.

Mary Galligan explained **HB 2224** before the House Energy and Utilities committee.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, and Carl Holmes.

Proponents:

Ray Dean, KU Professor, retired (Attachment 1), presented testimony in support of **HB 2224** noting that he is hopeful that any regulation put in effect would be consistent with those for water wells, oil and gas wells, waste water re-injection wells, enhanced oil recover operations and carbon sequestration wells and operations.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club (Attachment 2), offered testimony in support of **HB 2224** commenting that they believe that compressed air storage will become a vital component in the quickly developing wind energy industry in Kansas.

Joe Spease, WindSoHy and Energy Storage and Power LLC, (Attachment 3 & 4), offered testimony in support of **HB 2224**.

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Neutral:

Tom Day, KCC, commented that they are not commenting on this bill as it is new technology that they are not familiar with. Additionally, they believe they will pattern these regulations after other regulations they have for CO₂ gas and carbon sequestration. They noted that only South Carolina and Denmark has current knowledge on compressed air storage.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Carl Holmes, and Tom Sloan.

The hearing on **HB 2224** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2225 - Granting certain utilities the option to purchase power from new pulverized coal electricity generating facilities.

Cindy Lash, Kansas Revisors office, explained **HB 2225** to the committee.

Proponents:

Colin Hansen, Kansas Municipal Utilities (Attachment 5), spoke to the committee in support of **HB 2225**. They believe that there is a need for reliable, affordable, and long-term sources of electricity, and is therefore in support of new base load generation in the state of Kansas. He noted that because of last year's legislation, a study was commissioned to research the municipalities future needs for energy. The preliminary study shows that a need for 372 more megawatts of energy was necessary by 2019 and 653 megawatts by 2029. He noted that a majority of that additional need would be for KMU members.

Wayne Penrod, Sunflower (Attachment 6), offered testimony in support of **HB 2225**. Additionally, he offered a recommendation for change in the language of **HB 2225**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Tom Moxley, Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, and Rob Olson.

The hearing on **HB 2225** was closed.

Representative Holmes noted we will not have a meeting tomorrow but we will meet on Monday and have two hearings. Additionally, we have sub-committee meetings today at noon and tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.