

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

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

All members were present except: Rep. Carl Krehbiel
Rep. Annie Kuether
Rep. Dixie Toelkes
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
Dr. Lee Allison, Kansas Geological Survey
Karl Mueldener, Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Others attending: See Attached List

Leo Haynos, Chief of Pipeline Safety for the Kansas Corporation Commission, addressed the committee on the Commission's responsibilities regarding oil & gas production, pipeline safety and storage fields (Attachment 1). Mr. Haynos's testimony included a summary of the laws and regulations pertaining to the Conservation Division (Attachment 2). He also distributed diagrams showing cross-sections of a storage well (Attachment 3). Mr. Haynos introduced Diana Edmiston, Assistant Counsel and Dave Williams, Conservation Division, for the Commission.

Mr. Haynos, Ms. Edmiston, Mr. Williams, Mr. Mueldener, Mr. Mike Cochran (Department of Health & Environment), and Dr. Allison responded to questions from the committee. Those questions and responses, in nearly verbatim format, are incorporated into the minutes by attachment (Attachment 4).

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Next meeting is Monday, March 12, 2001.