

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 24, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kimberly Gencur, ITC Great Plains
Don Low, KCC
Mark Schrieber, Westar
Joe Harkins, Governors Special Assistant
Carol Foreman, Department of Administration
Susan Duffy, KCC

Others attending:

See attached list.

Briefing on: Governors Executive order on Energy, 07-373:

Joe Harkins, Governors Special Assistant- (Attachment 1), spoke on the Governors Executive Order 07-373, specifically emphasizing Energy Efficiency for state government, directed towards four agencies. He specifically spoke on recycling of paper used by state agencies, particularly the legislature. Additionally, the Department of Revenue is directed to include in drivers license materials and tests, information and questions on the relationship of fuel efficiency and speed for vehicles.

Carol Foreman, Department of Administration, spoke on the items that the department of administration has been tasked with carrying out. The Executive Directive was made January 10th and they are in the beginning stages of determining how they are going to complete their part of the directive. They will be working with the department of energy to conduct a survey of energy saving ideas from state employees. Additionally, leased space for the state of Kansas will be looked at, and landlords will be asked to work with the state on making upgrades that will be more energy efficient for facilities. They will be looking at the possibility of entering into an agreement with the Chicago Climate Exchange which deals with carbon emissions. Additionally, they are looking at purchasing cars that are more efficient for state use. It is important that the state purchase items that are Energy Star certified. Also, there will be an Energy Auditor position filled that will oversee this endeavor.

Susan Duffy, executive director, KCC, (Attachments 2,3, & 4) spoke on ways the regional state educational institutions are making improvements to use less energy. Also, several USD school districts and community colleges are participating. It is their intention to encourage more of these institutions to make concerted conservation improvements.

Questions or comments were made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Tom Sloan, and Carl Holmes.

Hearing on:

HB 2066: Extension of electric transmission lines; exception from siting requirements.

Proponents:

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Kimberly Gencur, ITC Great Plains, (Attachment 5), spoke in support of **HB 2066**, detailing specifics of the history of ITC nationwide, and the fact they are committed to improving Kansas' transmission grid. She noted the specifics of some of the filings any company desiring to construct transmission lines needs to complete.

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

Neutral:

Don Low, KCC, (Attachment 6), spoke as a neutral conferee to **HB 2066**, noting several changes they recommend.

Hearing closed on **HB 2066**.

Chairman Holmes clarified the remainder of the agenda for the committee for this week and next. On Friday we will be working all bills except for two.

There will be a sub- committee on CWIP **HB 2033** comprised of: Forrest Knox, Chair, Bill Light, Vern Swanson, Cindy Neighbor, and Terry McLachlan. A room for this committee will be determined later.

Any members can attend and participate fully with the sub-committee process.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25.

Meeting adjourned.