

Approved: March 1, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carl Holmes at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman-excused

Representative Tom Sloan-excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research

Brian Turnbull, Kansas Legislative Research

Mike Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes

Tamara Lawrence, Kansas Revisor of Statutes

Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Gary Hanson, Kansas Rural Water Association

Tom Day, KCC

Ed Cross, KIOGA

David Bleakley, ECOGA

Zack Pistora, Kansas Sierra Club

Others in attendance:

Thirty including the attached list.

Introduction of Bills

There were no introductions of bills.

Hearing on:

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HB 2472-Rural Water Districts; definitions

Matt Sterling, Revisor of Statutes (Attachment 1) gave the committee a brief explanation of **HB 2472**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Joe Seiwert, and Forrest Knox.

Proponent:

Gary Hanson, Legal Counsel-Kansas Rural Water Association, (Attachment 2) offered testimony in support of **HB 2472**. He noted the piece of the bill that current law does not allow.

Questions were asked and comments asked by Representatives Forrest Knox.

The hearing on **HB 2472** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2526-Oil and gas; regulation of hydraulic fracturing

Matt Sterling-Revisor of Statutes, (Attachment 3) presented a short explainer of **HB 2526**.

Proponents:

KCC-Tom Day, (Attachment 4) spoke in support of **HB 2526** and noted that the language does allow them the authority to make rules and regulations for horizontal fracking but does not force them to unless deemed necessary.

Ed Cross KIOGA, (Attachment 5) offered testimony in support of **HB 2526**.

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David Bleakley EKOGA, (Attachment 6) spoke to the committee in support of **HB 2526**. They feel that amending the current language so that the KCC has the authority to write rules and regulations are important.

Zack Pistora- Sierra Club, (Attachment 7) gave testimony in support of **HB 2526**. They believe some oversight for the fracturing process is better than none.

Written Proponents:

Ken Peterson-Kansas Petroleum Council, (Attachment 8), offered written testimony in favor of **HB 2526**.

Chesapeake Energy, (Attachment 9) gave written testimony to the committee in support of **HB 2526**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, Reynaldo Mesa, Annie Kuether, Joe Seiwert, and Don Hineman.

There were no opponents to **HB 2526**.

The hearing on **HB 2526** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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