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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 Friday, February 10, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman-excused
Representative Nile Dillmore-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:

Tom Day, KCC
Ed Cross, KIOGA
Herbert Graves, State Association of Kansas Water Office
Greg Foley, Kansas Department of Agriculture
Mark Schreiber, representing Westar Energy/KCP&L and KEPCo
Herbert Graves, State Association of Kansas Water Office

Others in attendance:

Twenty Nine including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2642-Regulation of hydraulic fracturing; requiring disclosure.

Matt Sterling, (Attachment 1) gave a short explainer to the committee on **HB 2642**.

Questions were asked by Representative Don Hineman.

Proponents:

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Representative Stan Frownfelter, (Attachment 2) presented testimony in support of **HB 2642** and commented that the bill included a recommendation that Kansas labor and workforce be used to perform the fracking operations.

Neutral

Tom Day, (Attachment 3) spoke to the committee from a neutral position on **HB 2642** noting concerns they have pertaining to the bill and its infringement on current legislative statutes.

Opponents

Ed Cross, KIOGA, (Attachment 4), spoke to the committee in opposition to **HB 2642** and additionally for the Kansas Petroleum Institute.

David Bleakley, of EKOGA, (Attachment 5), offered written only testimony in opposition of **HB 2642**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Stan Frownfelter, Vern Swanson, Phil Hermanson, Carl Holmes, Tom Sloan, Don Hineman, Forrest Knox, and Don Schroeder.

The hearing on **HB 2642** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2685-Allowing eligible water right holders to create reservoir improvement districts.

Tamara Lawrence, Kansas Revisor of Statutes, (Attachment 6), spoke to the committee on **HB 2685**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Tom Sloan.

Proponents

Greg Foley, Kansas Department of Agriculture, (Attachment 7), spoke in support of **HB 2685**.

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Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office, (Attachment 8), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2685**.

Neutral

Mark Schreiber, representing Westar Energy/KCP&L and KEPCo, all co-owners of Wolf Creek Power Plant, (Attachment 9), offered testimony from a neutral standpoint regarding **HB 2685**.

Herbert Graves, State Association of Kansas Water Office, (Attachment 10), offered testimony from a neutral position on **HB 2685**.

Opponents

There were no opponents to **HB 2685**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Don Hineman, Forrest Knox, and Carl Holmes.

The hearing on **HB 2685** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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