

Approved: March 2, 2006
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 7, 2006 in Room 231-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
Renaë Hansen, Committee Secretary
Heather Klaasen, Revisor Intern

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Harkins, Special Assistant to the Governor

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Holmes opened the meeting by taking suggestions from committee members on issues that they would like to hear special presentations on. Some ideas suggested were: renewable energy and where Kansas is as a state on this issue, a special presentation by one of the FERC commissioners, Goodland Energy Center, and/or a Joint Committee on Energy report by staff.

Joe Harkins, Special Assistant to the Governor, (Attachment 1), presented testimony from the Governors office about the Kansas Energy Council containing current appointed members, a schedule of meetings, and a summery of plans that the special committee has in creating a working document on different energy issues.

Action on:

HB 2592 **Liens for utility services provided by municipally owned or operated utility.**

Representative Don Myers presented a balloon amendment (Attachment 2).

Representative Don Myers moved to accept the balloon amendment to **HB 2592**. Seconded by Representative Peggy Mast.

Discussion on the balloon followed by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Forrest Knox, and Peggy Mast.

Representative Don Myers closed on the motion.

Motion Passed.

Representative Peggy Mast moved to pass **HB 2592** out favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Jim Morrison. Motion Carried.

Representative Peggy Mast will carry the bill on the House floor.

Action on:

HB 2642 **Energy policy advisory group established; state energy plan.**

Representative Tom Sloan presented a balloon amendment (Attachment 3).

Representative Tom Sloan moved to amend **HB 2642** with said balloon. Seconded by Representative Annie

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Discussion on the motion followed, by Representatives: Peggy Mast, Melody Miller, Lynne Oharah, Don Myers, Tom Hawk, Jason Watkins, Annie Kuether, and Tom Sloan.

Representative Tom Sloan closed on the motion.

Motion on the balloon passed.

Discussion then continued on the amended bill, **HB 2642**. Participating in discussion were Representatives: Carl Krehbiel, Josh Svaty, Forrest Knox, Don Myers, Tom Sloan, Vaughn Flora, Lynne Oharah, and Annie Kuether.

Representative Carl Krehbiel moved to table **HB 2642**. Seconded by Representative Rob Olson. Motion to table passed 11-9.

Action on:

HB 2657 **Recovery of certain amounts spent by electric or natural gas public utility for customer energy efficiency and conservation programs.**

Representative Tom Sloan presented (Attachment 4), information on the successful use of smart cards for electric payment in the city of Phoenix, Arizona. Additionally, he presented (Attachment 5), a balloon amendment for **HB 2657**.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to accept the amended version of **HB 2657**. Seconded by Representative Tom Hawk.

Discussion on **HB 2657** then took place by Representatives: Lynne Oharah, Carl Krehbiel, Tom Sloan, Josh Svaty, Tom Hawk, Annie Kuether, Melody Miller, and Margaret Long.

Motion passed.

Because of the nature of the complete change of **HB 2657** it was decided to finish working this bill on Friday, February 10, 2006.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.