

Approved: May 1, 2002  
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 10:59 a.m. on April 5, 2002 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Robert Chapman, Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List

**HB 3017 - Organization of cooperative to generate electricity from renewable resources and technologies and to wholesale such electricity**

Representative Sloan distributed a proposed substitute for **HB 3017 (Attachment 1)**. Doug Lawrence, Vice President of Public Affairs for Westar Energy, provided comments to the committee about the proposed substitute. He explained that he had been working with Representative Sloan to arrive at compromise language. Larry Holloway, Chief of Energy Operations for the Utility Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission also addressed the committee on the proposed substitute. He responded to questions from the committee. Walker Hendrix, Consumer Counsel for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board addressed the proposed substitute and responded to questions.

Representative Sloan moved to adopt the proposed substitute. Representative Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to amend subsection (B)(2) to add to word "purchase" after 'off-system sales of' and before 'electricity generated from.' Representative Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to recommend **Substitute for HB 3017** favorable for passage. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Sloan will carry the bill.

Representative Long moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, February 25, February 26, March 6, March 7, and March 8 meetings. Representative Dreher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes announced there may be another meeting, but no time or date has been set. He is waiting to see what action the Senate takes on several bills.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.