

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 12:22 p.m. on March 30, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Tom Klein

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bruce Graham, Kansas Electric Power Cooperatives  
Steve Kearney, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store  
Association of Kansas  
Bob Krehbiel, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Assn.

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

**HR 6018 - Requesting the corporation commission to study energy and energy policy.**

Bruce Graham, Vice President Kansas Electric Power Cooperatives addressed the committee on **HR 6018** (Attachment 1). Mr. Graham explained that this resolution addressed too many issues, that there was no allowance for funding of consultants or citizen travel reimbursements and that there should be additional members of the task force. He stated that they felt the Corporation Commission already had the authority to do this and could develop an energy policy without formally convening a task force.

Steve Kearney, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas, spoke to the resolution. He requested additional members that would have knowledge of the gasoline distribution and retail business.

Bob Krehbiel, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, spoke to the resolution. He explained that Senator Pat Roberts has an advisory committee on science and technology. This committee will be issuing a report to the Senator that addresses legislation and development, at the federal level, of a national energy policy. Mr. Krehbiel stated he felt that we should develop a policy for Kansas' natural resources that benefit the people of Kansas.

The conferees responded to questions from Rep. Long, Rep. Vining, Rep. Myers and Rep. McClure.

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **HR 6018** and opened the floor for debate.

Rep. McClure distributed copies of a New York Times article (Attachment 2) titled "Waiting for Oil Costs' Other Shoe".

Rep. McClure moved to amend the list of members to include gasoline retailers and distributors and electric co-op generators and transporters. Rep. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. McClure moved to recommend HR 6018, as amended, favorable for adoption. Rep. Sloan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. McClure will carry the Resolution.

Rep. Long moved to approve the minutes from March 13, March 14, March 16, March 17, March 21 and March 22. Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.