

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on January 30, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Dan Johnson- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Melissa Doebelin, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Smalley, Smalley Heating and Cooling

Others attending:

Sixty Nine including the attached list.

Representative Rob Olson moved to introduce a bill involving KCC charging expenses to make a ruling, involving K.S.A. 66-1502(b), seconded by Representative Tom Hawk. Motion to introduce carried.

Representative Annie Kuether takes over as the chair of the committee.

Bill Smalley, Smalley Heating and cooling, 37 years in business, (Attachment 1) presented information that would allow his company to co-generate to the grid involving residential generation using solar or wind. Additionally, he offered a brochure that explained how to produce energy in your own backyard that can be acquired by contacting Mr. Smalley. He noted that he has a good working relationship with Westar in working with inter-connection agreements. Shawnee County holds him to a maximum height of 60 foot towers for his wind generators.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Peggy Mast, Vaughn Flora, Vern Swanson, Carl Holmes, Tom Hawk, Rob Olson, Tom Sloan, Josh Svaty, Forrest Knox, Don Myers, and Terry McLachlan.

Some members questioned what costs were included in the costs for infrastructure and how that cost was met and accounted for. It was noted that perhaps we needed a briefing by an electric energy provider to determine how those costs are charged back to the customers.

Discussion on:

HB 2637-Telecommunications; pricing flexibility; lifeline service program.

Representative Tom Sloan explained his proposed amendment and reasons why he was offering some of the changes, noting that the most important part was that the Commission retain the ability to protect the POTS (Plain old telephone service).

Representative Tom Sloan moved to amend **HB 2637**, (Attachment 2), seconded by Representative Vern Swanson

Discussion ensued by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, Tom Sloan, Annie Kuether, Josh Svaty, Rob Olson, Don Myers, and Forrest Knox.

Representative Tom Sloan closed on the motion.

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Motion to amend failed.

Representative Rob Olson moved to pass out **HB 2637**, seconded by Representative Tom Moxley. Motion carried.

Representative Rob Olson will carry the bill on the floor.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.