

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on March 11, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Judy Morrison-excused
Cindy Neighbor-excused
Josh Svaty-excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Tomb-League of Municipalities
Luke Bell-Kansas Assc. Of Realtors
John Flower
Ryan Vincent-Kansas Housing Resources Corporation
Tom Thompson-Sierra Club
Social Rehabilitation Service
David Springe, CURB and LKM
Senator Roger Pine, 3rd District

Others attending:

Twenty-two including the attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 555-Notice for customers of certain utilities of proposed rate increases by such utilities, CURB intervention in such rate increase proceedings subject to deadline.

Senator Roger Pine, 3rd District, spoke to the committee (Attachment 1) on the history and reasoning for **SB 555**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Rob Olson, and Tom Sloan.

David Springe, CURB, (Attachment 2), spoke to the committee on **SB 555**, noting some changes that need to be considered for the bill.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Hawk, Vaughn Flora, Tom Moxley, and Carl Holmes.

Written Proponents:

John Flower, (Attachment 3), presented written testimony in support of **SB 555**.

The hearing on **SB 555** was closed.

Hearing on:

SB 580-Establishing the weatherization assistance program account of the state housing trust fund, providing annual transfer from state general fund.

Proponents:

Ken Frahm, KEC, (Attachment 4), presented testimony in support of **SB 580**.

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Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, Margaret Long, Tom Sloan, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Don Myers, and Carl Holmes.

Questions were also answered by Larry Bentley, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, Program Manager and Sandra Hazlett, SRS.

Written Proponents:

Mark Tomb-League of Municipalities, (Attachment 5), gave the committee written testimony in support of **SB 580**.

Luke Bell-Kansas Association of Realtors, (Attachment 6), offered written testimony in favor of **SB 580**.

Stephen R. Weatherford, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, (Attachment 7), presented written testimony in support of **SB 580** and also had a map, (Attachment 8) of the State of Kansas and how many home owners took advantage of this program in the past.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, (Attachment 9), offered testimony in support of **SB 580**.

Candy Shively, Social Rehabilitation Service, (Attachment 10), presented testimony in support of **SB 580**.

Neutral:

David Springe, CURB, (Attachment 11), spoke to **SB 580** noting that in general they are in support of the legislation and that **SB 580** is a small step towards making a difference.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, and Peggy Mast.

It was noted by Mr. Springe, that we might want to look at an interim committee to study third party funding of these programs.

Further Proponents:

Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference, (Attachment 12), then spoke to the committee on **SB 580**. He noted that he would like to see this funding come from the lottery revenue income. Additionally, he would like to see a report come back to this committee and the Senate Utilities committee on a yearly basis.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Peggy Mast.

The hearing on **SB 580** was closed.

The chairman reminded the committee to be prepared to work any bills we have heard so far, tomorrow.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2008.

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