

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:07 a.m. on March 8, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter - Excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ed Jaskinia, The Associated Landlords of Kansas, Kansas City, KS
Martha Neu Smith, Kansas Manufactured Housing Association, Topeka, KS

Others attending: See Attached List

SB 63 - Public utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **SB 63**.

Mr. Ed Jaskinia, appearing on behalf of The Associated Landlords of Kansas, testified in support of **SB 63**. Mr. Jaskinia told the committee that the legislation, in many forms, had been around for quite some time. Simply it allows landlords to sub-meter their multi-family units without being considered a public utility. He urged the committee's support of the bill.

Martha Neu Smith, Executive Director for the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association, appeared as a proponent of **SB 63 (Attachment 1)**. Ms. Smith said they felt the legislation was a reasonable approach to sub-metering, which in turn encourages water conservation.

Mr. Jaskinia and Ms. Smith responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **SB 63**.

Attention was led to minutes from the January 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, and 26 meetings. Representative Sloan moved to approved the minutes. Representative Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 63 - Public utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **SB 63**.

Representative Knox moved to recommend SB 63 favorable for passage. Representative Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Huy will carry the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES, Room 231-N, Statehouse, at 9:07 a.m. on March 8, 2005

HB 2026 - KAN-ED funding

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2026**.

Two balloon amendments were distributed to the committee by Representative Sloan (Attachment 2) and by Representative Oharah (Attachment 3). Chairman Holmes told the committee there were four discussion scenarios. Representative Mast moved to adopt the Oharah Balloon. Representative Olson seconded the motion. The motion failed. Representative Sloan moved to adopt the funding portion on page three of the Sloan Balloon. Representative Jim Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to adopt new subsection g of the Sloan balloon. Representative Meyers seconded the motion. The motion failed. Representative Sloan moved to adopt new Section 2 of the Sloan balloon. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to adopt new Section 3 of the Sloan balloon. Representative Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Mast moved to adopt new Section 2 of the Oharah balloon. Representative Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Jim Morrison moved to recommend **HB 2026**, as amended and with technical corrections, favorable for passage. Representative Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Jim Morrison will carry the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.