

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Vaughn Flora-excused  
Dan Johnson-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office  
Jason Long, Revisor's Office  
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Deena Horst, Representative  
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club  
Joe Spease, Pristene Power

Others attending:

Eighteen including the attached list.

Hearing on:

**HB 2479**      **Renewable portfolio standard for electric public utilities.**

Proponents:

Deena Horst, Representative, (Attachment 1), presented testimony in support of **HB 2479** explaining reasons why she brought this bill before the committee. She recommended that this bill be passed as it is important for the legislature to have information about the amount of energy being produced from renewable energy sources.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, (Attachment 2), offered testimony in support of **HB 2479** noting specific recommendations for the RPS standard incremental increases in the state of Kansas.

Joe Spease, Pristene Power, (Attachment 3), offered supporting testimony for **HB 2479** recommending some changes needed to make this bill actually make a difference in renewable energy.

Written Proponents:

Dan Nagengast, Kansas Rural Center, (Attachment 4), offered written testimony in support of **HB 2479**.

Written Opponents:

John Donley, Kansas Livestock Association, (Attachment 5), presented written testimony in opposition of **HB 2479**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Carl Holmes, Don Myers, Annie Kuether, Rob Olson, Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan, Josh Svaty, and Terry McLachlan.

Hearing on **HB 2479** was closed.

Handouts to the committee from KCPL, Paul Snider (Attachment 6).

Other handouts from yesterdays testimony, (Attachments 7 and 8).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.