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Date

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 9, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Carl Holmes-excused
Vaughn Flora-excused
Judy Morrison-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ed Cross, KIOGA
David Bleakley, EKOGA

Others attending:

Twelve including the attached list.

Briefing on:

The State of the Kansas Oil and Gas Industry

Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA), ([Attachment 1](#)), spoke to the committee on the state of the Kansas Oil and Gas Industry using a PowerPoint presentation. Attached to his testimony was information about KIOGA, Kansas oil and gas statistics, statistics nationwide of individual states oil and gas production, a short biography, and a statement on "American Oil and Gas Needed to Solve our Energy Dilemma."

David Bleakley, Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association, (EKOGA), ([Attachment 2](#)), spoke to the committee on the state of the Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Industry. He noted some of the new technologies to extract oil and gas from coal and shale deposits in primarily four counties in the southeast part of Kansas. He commented that the industry went through a 20 year depression, coming out of it in about 2001. Nationwide 350,000 workers were lost to the industry during this downturn cycle of the oil and gas industry.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Rob Olson, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Vern Swanson, Don Myers, Terry McLachlan, Tom Moxley, Margaret Long, and Annie Kuether.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.