

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Sloan at 9:04 a.m. on January 29, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Richard Alldritt

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Steve Rarrick, Attorney General's Office  
Rob Hodges, Kansas Telecommunications Industry Assn

Others attending: See Attached List

**HB 2099 - Unauthorized change of consumers telephone company or addition of unauthorized telephone services**

Steve Rarrick, Deputy Attorney General-Consumer Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General, testified in support of **HB 2099** (Attachment 1). Mr. Rarrick explained that the bill would provide cleanup language for the current statute and a private cause of action for non-consumer entities 'slammed.'

Rob Hodges, President of the Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association, appeared as a proponent of **HB 2099** (Attachment 2). Mr. Hodges stated that the bill would extend the protections of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act to more than just individuals and clarifies the relationship between the Kansas Corporation Commission and the Attorney General's office.

The conferees responded to questions from the committee.

**HB 2010 - Ten-year limitation on property tax exemption for property used to generate electricity from renewable resources**

The debate was opened on **HB 2010**. Rep. Sloan distributed a balloon amendment and moved to adopt the amendment. Rep. Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Meyers moved to report HB 2010, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. McLeland will carry the bill.

**HB 2099 - Unauthorized change of consumers telephone company or addition of unauthorized telephone services**

The debate was opened on **HB 2099**. Rep. Krehbiel moved to amend page 2, lines 3 and 4 as requested by the Attorney General's office. Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Krehbiel moved to recommend HB 2099, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Dillmore will carry the bill.

**HR 6006 - Resolution urging Corporation Commission to order refunds to be paid to certain residential natural gas customers**

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, explained the Resolution to the committee and responded to questions. Chairman Holmes provided additional background information and responded to questions from the committee. Lynne Holt, Principal Analyst, distributed a 1998 refund report (Attachment 3). There were no conferees. Chairman

Holmes opened the debate on **HR 6006**. Rep. Sloan moved to recommend HR 6006 favorable for passage. Rep. Dillmore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Holmes will carry the resolution.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES, Room 526-S Statehouse, at 9:04 a.m. on January 29, 2001.

Chairman Holmes distributed a list of energy related bills that have been introduced in committee. This list is to be used as a starting point for discussion in the sub-committees that will be meeting on Wednesday.

The committee meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, 2001 and will include break out sub-committee meetings in Rooms 522-S, 526-S and 527-S.