

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 11, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Karin Brownlee (excused)  
Senator Susan Wagle (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Otto L. Maynard, CEO, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation

Others attending: See attached list

Chair opened hearing on:

**SCR 1617** - Resolution urging the federal government to act quickly to approve and begin storage of radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada

Proponent:

Otto L. Maynard, CEO, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, presented testimony supporting **SCR 1617**. (Attachment 1)

The testimony presented by Charles Benjamin before the House Utilities Committee on **HCR 5038** will be distributed to the committee. (Attachment 2) **HCR 5038** and **SCR 1617** are identical resolutions.

Chair closed the hearing on **SCR 1617**.

The committee questioned the cost involved in studying and evaluating the Yucca Mountain site as a potential location for permanent disposal of high level radioactive waste. Mr. Maynard explained various aspects that were included in the \$7 billion - geological, scientific, water, licensing and other sites. Further questions were asked regarding transporting the waste, routes used, how often the waste would be transported, type of transportation used and containers. Specific questions were aimed at the operations at Wolf Creek – license operating life, refueling, current storage for waste, and length of time waste can be stored.

The next meeting of the committee will be on February 12, 2002.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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