

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 12, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Robert Tyson (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:

Ken Peterson, Kansas Petroleum  
Jim Daniels, Murfin Drilling, Wichita  
Terry Leatherman, Kansas Chamber of Commerce

Others attending: See attached list

The chair opened the hearing on:

**SCR 1618 - Resolution urging Congress to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil and gas exploration and production**

Proponents:

Ken Peterson of Kansas Petroleum Council spoke in support of **SCR 1618**. In addition to his written testimony, he provided a colored brochure on "Which One is the REAL ANWR?" and an information brief on the "Myths of ANWR". ([Attachment 1](#))

James R. Daniels, EVP, Murfin Drilling Company, Inc., described the area where current oil and gas exploration and production are being conducted. He has visited the site being considered in this resolution and described the conditions and opportunities. ([Attachment 2](#))

Terry Leatherman, vice president - Legislative affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, expressed the Kansas Chamber's support. ([Attachment 3](#))

Opponent:

Written testimony in opposition to **SCR 1618** was submitted by Charles M. Benjamin on behalf of the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. ([Attachment 4](#))

The chair closed the hearing on **SCR 1618**.

The next meeting of the committee will be February 13, 2002.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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