

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on February 18, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ed Jaskinia, Associated Landlords of Kansas  
Johnni Vosseller

Others attending: See Attached List

**HB 2772 - Public utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition**

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **HB 2772**.

Ed Jaskinia, Associated Landlords of Kansas, appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2772**. Mr. Jaskinia provided a brief history of the bill, as it had been before the committee in 2001 and had been passed out of the house and stalled in the Senate. Mr. Jaskinia detailed the advantages of the bill, allowing the owner/landlord to install sub-meters for the purpose of billing tenants for actual water usage.

Johnni Vosseller, appearing as a private citizen and landlord, testified in support of **HB 2772** (Attachment 1). Ms. Vosseller told the committee that the bill would allow the landlord to adjust rent payments without having to add, or bill separately, charges for water consumption. It also promotes water use efficiency.

Martha Neu Smith, Executive Director for the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2772** (Attachment 2).

Mr. Jaskinia and Ms. Vosseller responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **HB 2772**.

In response to questions from the committee on February 6, SBC provided information on their business and residential DSL offers, as well as a listing of non-satellite broadband availability (Attachment 3).

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2004.