

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 8, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Mario Goico
Warren Wood, Chief Council, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Plant
Loren Cox, Wolf Creek Security System

Others attending:
See attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2703 **Nuclear generating facility, security guards.**

Proponents:

Representative Mario Goico, presented testimony, (Attachment 1), in support of **HB 2703** as a way of giving security guards at nuclear power plants more ability to protect the nuclear generating facility.

Questions were asked by Representative Carl Holmes.

Warren Wood, General Council, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, and Loren Cox, Supervisor Security Training, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, (Attachment 2 and 3), presented testimony explaining the current security system for the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation facility. Additionally, Warren talked specifically about **HB 2703** and the things it does to improve the security of the plant. He also told the committee about some suggestions that would improve the bill and make it more solid in what it does to protect the individual security officer if a situation arises whereby they might have to detain or fatally stop an individual from attacking the plant.

Questions were then asked by Representatives: Peggy Mast, Josh Svaty, Carl Holmes, Annie Kuether, Virginia Beemer, Tom Sloan, Mitch Holmes, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Carl Krehbiel, Jim Morrison, Tom Hawk, and Forrest Knox.

The hearing on **HB 2703** was closed.

The next meeting will be held February 9, 2006 in room 313-S.

Meeting Adjourned.