

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 7, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Schnacke, Trans-Canada Oil
Ron Gaches
Karl Mueldener, Kansas Dept. Health and Environment
Earnie Lehman, Midwest Energy

Others attending:

Twenty nine including the attached list.

Wes Weston, (Attachment 1) announced that Black Hills Corporation out of Rapid City, South Dakota bought Aquila's Kansas gas operations.

Hearing on:

HB 2305: Crude oil reserves; tax incentives; rules and regulations.

Proponents:

Don Schnacke, Trans-Canada Oil (Attachments 2 and 3) offered testimony in favor of **HB 2305** noting some of the specifics of the bill that would affect the company he represents. He also included an informative brochure.

Ron Gaches, (Attachment 4), spoke in favor of **HB 2305**, which would allow tax incentives for underground oil storage facilities.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Hawk, and Carl Holmes.

Neutral:

Karl Mueldener, Kansas Dept. Health and Environment, (Attachment 5), presented neutral testimony on **HB 2305** noting the ways in which the Department of Health and Environment currently regulates storage facilities and additionally noting the ways in which they might make a few changes, should an underground oil facility be established.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Josh Svaty, and Carl Holmes.

Hearing on **HB 2305** was closed.

Hearing on :

HB 2306: Kansas Electric Transmission Authority duties and powers.

Earnie Lehman, Midwest Energy, (Attachment 6) presented testimony in favor of **HB 2306** characterizing the bill as a technical correction of KETA's enabling legislation.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Hearing on **HB 2306** was closed.

Chairman Holmes handed out a letter he received (Attachment 7) from the Kansas Library Association concerning the KAN-ED program.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.