

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on March 12, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Richard Proehl-excused
Cindy Neighbor-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office
Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kimberly Winn, Kansas League of Municipalities

Others attending:

Twenty including the attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 526-Distribution of moneys from E-911 fees.

Proponents:

Kimberly Winn, Kansas League of Municipalities, (Attachment 1), spoke in favor of **SB 526** noting that this bill gives them the authority to use some unused funds to make different municipalities Phase II compliant.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative: Vern Swanson, and Terry McLachlan.

The hearing was closed on **SB 526**.

Hearing on:

SB 614-Response by public entity to Kansas electric transmission authority intent to construct shall be on or before 90 days following publication of notice in Kansas register.

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research, explained **SB 614** to the committee. She noted that the bill would specify that the publication of a notice in the Kansas Register would start the trigger on the clock for the 90 days given to any public or private entity to step forward to work on the transmission project.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Margaret Long, Tom Sloan, and Terry McLachlan.

Representative Annie Kuether and Carl Holmes helped to answer questions asked by the committee.

The hearing was closed on **SB 614**.

Discussion on:

SB 614-Response by public entity to Kansas electric transmission authority intent to construct shall be on or before 90 days following publication of notice in Kansas register.

Representative Rob Olson moved to pass out SB 614 favorable and put on consent calendar, seconded by Representative Terry McLachlan. Motion carried.

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Discussion on

SB 526-Distribution of moneys from E-911 fees

Representative Rob Olson move pass out of the committee SB 526 and put it on consent calendar, seconded by Representative Terry McLachlan. Motion carried.

Discussion on:

SB 555-Notice for customers of certain utilities of proposed rate increases by such utilities, CURB intervention in such rate increase proceedings subject to deadline.

Representative Tom Sloan presented a balloon amendment, (Attachment 2), noting where he made changes on **SB 555**.

Representative Tom Sloan moved adoption of the language of page one of the balloon, (Attachment 2), for SB 555, seconded by Representative Annie Kuether.

Discussion ensued by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, Tom Sloan, Terry McLachlan, Peggy Mast, Don Myers, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Rocky Fund and Vaughn Flora.

Motion to amend SB 555 passed.

Representative Tom Sloan explained to the committee page 2 of his proposed amendment (Attachment 2).

Discussion ensued between Representatives: Rob Olson, Josh Svaty, Annie Kuether, Tom Hawk, Dan Johnson, and Tom Sloan.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to recommend passage of SB 555 as amended on page one (Attachment 2), seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion Carried.

Representative Rocky Fund will carry **SB 555** on the House floor.

Discussion on:

SB 580-Establishing the weatherization assistance program account of the state housing trust fund, providing annual transfer from state general fund.

Representative Tom Sloan presented proposed amendments (Attachment 3) to **SB 580**.

Representative Tom Sloan responded to questions by Representatives: Rob Olson, Don Myers, and Tom Moxley.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to adopt part A of the balloon (Attachment 3) whereby 15% would be changed to 25% in SB 580, seconded by Representative Vaughn Flora.

Discussion ensued between Representatives: Margaret Long, Tom Sloan, Vaughn Flora, Tom Hawk, Don Myers, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Forrest Knox, and Rob Olson.

Motion to amend carried.

Representative Tom Sloan moved part C of the balloon for SB 580 (Attachment 3), seconded by Representative Vaughn Flora.

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Discussion ensued between Representatives: Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan, and Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

Motion to amend passed.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to amend (Attachment 4), seconded by Representative Margaret Long. Motion to amend carried.

Representative Vaughn Flora moved the balloon (Attachment 3) part b, seconded by Representative Tom Hawk.

Discussion ensued between Representatives: Vern Swanson, Tom Sloan, Rob Olson, Vaughn Flora, Carl Holmes, Vern Swanson, Tom Hawk, and Peggy Mast.

Mary Torrence, Kansas Research Staff, and Tom Day, KCC, helped to respond to questions.

Representative Josh Svaty called the question.

The motion to amend failed unanimously.

Tom Hawk moved part B with the following changes each electric and natural gas public utility, as defined in K.S.A. 66-104, and amendments thereto, shall contribute, on an annual basis beginning July 1, 2008, and ending on July 1, 2010, an amount equal to 5% of the annualized uncollectible debt included in their most recent rate case”, seconded by Representative Vaughn Flora.

Representative Josh Svaty commented on the motion.

Motion to amend failed.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to pass out the amended **SB580** favorably to the House floor, seconded by Representative Terry McLachlan. Motion passed.

Representative Tom Sloan will carry **SB 580** on the House floor.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.