

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 16, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Tom Sloan-excused.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
Twenty-Five including the attached list.

Chairman Holmes noted the invitation to attend a panel discussion on Ethanol from wheat straw and biomass at the Kansas Museum of History, February 20, 2007, 7-9 pm.

HB 2492: Counties; wind power siting approval procedures.

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

Representative Annie Kuether made a motion to amend. (Attachment 1), HB 2492. Seconded by Representative Margaret Long.

Discussion by Representatives: Josh Svaty, Annie Kuether, and Revisor Jason Long

Motion carried.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to change the super majority vote to a two thirds vote for HB 2492. Seconded by Representative Tom Hawk.

Discussion by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, and Tom Hawk.

Motion carried.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to amend to make the siting codes uniform for all counties, (Attachment 2) while not erasing the provisions the zoned counties have in place, just adding to them. Seconded by Representative Tom Hawk.

Discussion by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Annie Kuether, Josh Svaty, Peggy Mast, Forrest Knox, Tom Moxley, and Tom Hawk.

Motion carried 11-8.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to amend HB 2492 (Attachment 3). Seconded by Representative

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Margaret Long. Motion failed 8 -9.

Discussion on HB 2492 as amended by Representatives: Josh Svaty, Don Myers, Tom Hawk, Annie Kuether, Tom Moxley, and Revisor Jason Long.

Representative Tom Moxley moved to strike page 2 lines 20 after thereto through line 23. Seconded by Representative Peggy Mast.

Discussion by Representatives Vern Swanson, Don Myer, and Revisor Jason Long.

Motion Failed.

Comments by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, Tom Hawk, Peggy Mast, Don Myers, Margaret Long, Annie Kuether.

Representative Forrest Knox moved to table the **HB 2492** with a deeper look at the issue rather than just an interim committee. Seconded by Representative Josh Svaty. Motion to table carried 12 - 6.

HB 2405: Incentives for production of energy from renewable resources and use of waste energy from electric generation; sunset of certain tax credits.

An amendment was passed out that was suggested by Trevor McKeeman, (Attachment 4).
Revisor Mary Torrence explained the revisions suggested.

Representative Annie Kuether moved the amendments suggested by Trevor McKeeman to **HB 2405**.
Seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor.

Discussion by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, Tom Hawk, and Revisor Mary Torrence.

Motion Carried.

Continued discussion on the amendment by Revisor Mary Torrence and Representative Carl Holmes.

Debate on this bill was closed for this meeting, to be opened at a later meeting.

HB 2476: Incentives for purchase and installation of equipment for blending and storing bio-fuel.

Chairman Holmes noted the fiscal note as a reduction in receipts of \$70,000 per year.

Discussion by Representatives: Josh Svaty, Carl Holmes, and Revisor Mary Torrence.

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Representative Ciny Neighbor moved to recommend **HB 2476** favorable for passage to the House. Seconded by Representative Terry McLachlan. Motion Carried.

Representative Bill Light will carry **HB 2476** on the floor.

HB 2485: Energy conservation; design standards for public buildings; L.E.D. traffic signals.

Representative Carl Holmes passed out an amendment (Attachment 5).

Discussion by Representatives: Carl Holmes, and Forrest Knox.

Representative Terry McLachlan moved to pass the amendments presented on **HB 2485**. Seconded by Representative Tom Moxley.

Discussion by Representatives: Tom Hawk, and Carl Holmes.

Motion Carried.

Representative Cindy Neighbor moved to recommend **HB 2485** as amended favorable for passage to the House floor. Seconded by Representative Terry McLachlan. Motion carried.

Representative Vern Swanson will carry the bill on the House floor.

HB 2406: Wind energy electric generation facilities of public utilities; tax incentives; siting requirements to qualify.

Revisor Jason Long went over the amendments that will be suggested on Monday February 19, 2007.

HB 2419: Carbon dioxide reduction act; income tax deductions and property tax exemptions; regulation of carbon dioxide injection wells.

Revisor Jason Long went over the amendments that will be suggested on Monday February 19, 2007.

Comments were made by Representatives: Carl Holmes and Forrest Knox.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2007 with a hearing on **HB 2429** and working the bills **HB 2406** and **HB 2419**, and continued work on **HB 2405**.

Meeting adjourned.