

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Heather Klaasen, Research Intern
Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Tom Sloan
Charles Benjamin, Sierra Club
Dave Springe, CURB
Don Low, KCC
Larry Holloway, KCC

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Carl Holmes gave committee members information (Attachment 1), on the Oil Sands of Alberta Canada.

Hearing on:

HB 2588 **Regulation of electric utilities to support generation and transmission facilities having lowest cost over life of facilities.**

Proponents:

Representative Tom Sloan, (Attachment 2), presented testimony in favor of **HB 2588** as it seeks to codify as a requirement what the KCC and CURB can currently do.

Charles Benjamin, Ph. D., J. D., Sierra Club, (Attachment 3), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2588** as it would allow the KCC to consider technologies which provide long-term economic, social and other benefits, including environmental benefits.

Opponents:

Dave Springe, CURB, (Attachment 4), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2588**, with specific concern to the particular sections 2 and 3.

Neutral:

Don Low, KCC, (Attachment 5), offered a neutral testimony to the bill, with some questions about the wording, "shall support".

Questions were asked by Representatives: Carl Krehbiel, Tom Sloan, Margaret Long, Forrest Knox, Melody Miller, Josh Svaty, and Peggy Mast.

Hearing Closed on: **HB 2588**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Utilities Committee at 9:00 A.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Hearing on:

HB 2589 **Requirements for state agency use of electricity generated from renewable resources; treatment of certain public utility revenues from wholesale off-system sales.**

Proponent:

Representative Tom Sloan, (Attachment 6), presented testimony in support of **HB 2589** stating it has two separate approaches to encouraging the development of jobs in Kansas.

Opponents:

Dave Springe, CURB, (Attachment 7), presented testimony stating different areas of the bill that CURB is opposed to. Specifically they are opposed to the language in section 2.

Larry Holloway, KCC, (Attachment 8), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2589** and gave specific examples of how this legislation would not work as intended.

Charles Benjamin, Sierra Club, (Attachment 9), presented opposition to the specifics in **HB 2589** with a word of encouragement and support for the goal of requiring state agencies to increase the amount of energy they consume from renewable energy resources and technologies.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Peggy Mast, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Carl Krehbiel, and Lynne Oharah.

Hearing closed on **HB 2589**.

Hearing on:

HR 6005 **Southwest Power Pool urged to recognize reliability component and value of economic transmission projects.**

Proponents:

Representative Tom Sloan, (Attachment 10), offered an explanation of HR 6005 which recognizes the system reliability value of economic projects by essentially using the same cost-recovery formula as for base projects. Base projects are those necessary for the continued reliable operation of the inter-connected transmission system.

Questions were asked by Representative Lynne Ohara.

Hearing closed on **HR 6005**.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.