

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on March 7, 2006 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Mark Taddiken, excused

Committee staff present: Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary
Leann Hershfeld, Intern to Senator Emler

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mark Schreiber, Westar

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chair announced that he had received a request for consideration of rolling **HB 2349** into **HB 2927**. He has contacted Chairman Huelskamp of the Senate Elections & Local Government Committee where **HB 2349** is assigned and also the League of Kansas Municipalities who opposed the bill, advising them of the request.

Chair opened the hearing on
HB 2927 - Effective date of certain municipal franchise fees in annexed areas.

Proponents:

Mark Schreiber, manager Government Affairs, Westar Energy, spoke in favor of **HB 2927** and indicated this bill is also supported by Midwest Energy, Kansas City Power and Light, Kansas Gas Service and Aquila. (Attachment 1)

Discussion was held with Westar and League of Kansas Municipalities on the possibility of rolling **HB 2349** into **HB 2927**. Revisor indicated the two bills were germane. Objections were voiced on taking action.

Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2927**.

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Lee, **HB 2927** be passed out favorably. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Reitz, the minutes of the meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee held on March 2, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachment - 1