

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 24, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Oletha Faust-Goudeau- excused

Tom Sloan- excused

Judy Morrison-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research

Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research

Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office

Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office

Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

There were no conferees appearing before the committee.

Others attending:

Twenty one including the attached list.

Action on:

SB 586-Incentives to encourage development of nuclear power by utilities and authorizing recovery of certain costs.

Representative Richard Proehl offered a proposed amendment (Attachment 1) to **SB 586**.

Representative Richard Proehl moved to amend SB 586 (Attachment 1), seconded by Representative Rob Olson. Motion Carried.

Representative Cindy Neighbor moved to pass SB 586 as amended favorable for passage, seconded by Representative Rob Olson. Motion Carried.

Representative Tom Hawk will carry **SB 586** on the House floor.

Action on:

SB 148-KAN-ED act; department of corrections; department of health and environment.

Representative Rob Olson moved that SB 148 be used as a vehicle to insert new language (Attachment 2), seconded by Representative Tom Moxley.

The Kansas Legislative Research department presented an explanation paper (Attachment 3) , for the Proposed New Energy Bill. Mary Torrence, Revisors Office, explained the difference between this proposed substitute bill **SB 327**. She also noted that there were some technical changes in this proposed legislation and the language put into **SB 327**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Dan Johnson, Josh Svaty, Vaughn Flora, Vern Swanson, Tom Hawk, Terry McLachlan, Rob Olson, Carl Holmes, Margaret Long, Forrest Knox, Don Myers, and Cindy Neighbor.

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Many of the questions asked initially, concerned the new section on page 2 that dealt with the new wind energy tariff proposed. It was noted that state schools were still not put into this proposed bill. The committee discussed the portion of the bill that would change the regulatory responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and Environment. Additionally, the mitigation of CO₂ expulsion from the coal fired power plant was discussed. It was noted that passing guidance in CO₂ emitted would give the Secretary of Health and Environment a clearer direction in how to approve or disapprove air permits for coal plants in the future.

Mary Galligan, Research, also responded to some of the questions asked concerning the proposed language.

Representative Rob Olson closed on the motion noting the changes from **SB 327**.

Motion to amend **SB 148** with new language (Attachment 2), passed.

Representative Rob Olson moved that **HSub SB 148** pass out favorably, seconded by Representative Don Myers.

Discussion ensued between Representatives: Josh Svaty, Carl Holmes, Don Myers,

Motion Carried, 10-7.

Representative Carl Holmes will carry the bill on the House floor.

Representative Rob Olson spoke to the committee on the presentation that the committee would hear on March 25th, 2008.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.