

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:35pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Possible bill introductions**

No bill introductions were requested.

### **Presentation on:**

### **Overview on Kansas Wind Energy**

Senator Olson called on Kimberly Svaty representing the Wind Coalition to provide an overview ([Attachment #1](#)).

Questions and comments from Senators Smith, Francisco, Lynn, Powell and Wilborn following the presentation explored a number of topics: 1.) quality and competitive cost to market of Kansas wind energy; 2.) capital investment through favorable tax exemptions and credits subsidizing wind energy production; 3.) Kansas based rural jobs and wind equipment manufacturing industry; 4.) international ownership of Kansas wind farms; and 5.) habitat mitigation issues.

Seeing no more questions or comments Senator Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:28pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2014.