

MINUTES OF THE House SUB COMMITTEE ON Energy

The meeting was called to order by Representative Keith Farrar at
Vice- Chairperson

3:30 ~~xx~~ m./p.m. on March 2, 1983 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Vice-chairman Keith Farrar advised Subcommittee members that the meeting was open for discussion and action on any bills heard to date by the Subcommittee. He noted that any action taken on the bills would determine the Subcommittee's recommendation to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee as a whole. He then reminded Subcommittee members that at their meeting earlier in the day, action had been postponed on HB 2121 until the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) could provide information regarding possible amendments.

Vice-chairman Farrar introduced Patty Gorham, an attorney with the KCC, who proposed amendments to HB 2121. Miss Gorham noted that the first proposal would be, on line 52, strike all language after the word pertinent, and all language on lines 53 and 54. She said this would give the KCC discretion to set daily takes of gas from wells in prorated pools at an amount they consider appropriate. She proposed striking lines 63 through 79 to provide more clarity in the bill.

Representative Ben Foster made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend amending HB 2121 as proposed by the KCC. Representative Darrel Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Ben Foster made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2121 be passed as amended. Representative Ken Grotewiel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion took place on HB 2243, with Vice-chairman Farrar noting that if a special study committee was created to study Wolf Creek Generating Station-related issues, perhaps this bill's intent would be addressed at that time. He recommended holding the bill in committee for study.

Representative Jim Patterson made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2243 be not passed. Representative Fred Rosenau seconded the motion.

Comments were made regarding how this legislative proposal might impact upon the utility companies building Wolf Creek, and also how it might affect the determinations of how much of a utility's costs should be assessed to ratepayers, and the amount to be assessed to stockholders.

After brief discussion, Vice-chairman Farrar asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Vice-chairman Farrar called the Subcommittee's attention to HB 2407, which he suggested be held in committee. It was the concensus of the Subcommittee to recommend HB 2407 be held in committee until the 1984 legislative session.

Discussion ensued on HB 2424. Vice-chairman Farrar noted that the bill was cutting out a \$100 fee that the KCC said was used basically for protecting water. He suggested an amendment by changing line 43 to read "shall be required to pay a \$25 license fee" and striking language after the word fee and all language on lines 44 and 45.

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Representative Fred Rosenau made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend amending HB 2424 by striking "150" and inserting "250" on lines 36 and 42, and adopt Representative Farrar's proposed amendment on line 43 regarding payment of a \$25 license fee. Representative Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Rosenau made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2424 be passed as amended. Representative LeRoy Fry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice-chairman Farrar asked for discussion on HB 2426.

Representative Webb made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2426 be passed. Representative Moore seconded the motion.

Representative Foster commented that he thought this was a bad bill and it shouldn't be passed.

After brief discussion, Vice-chairman Farrar asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed on a show-of-hand vote; 6 in favor/4 opposed.

HB 2425 was introduced for discussion. Representative Rosenau made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2425 be held in committee until the 1984 legislative session. Representative Moore seconded the motion.

Representative Grotewiel made a substitute motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2425 be held for interim study. Representative Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed on a show-of-hand vote; 5 in favor/4 opposed.

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee on Energy does not have another meeting scheduled at the present time.

Rep. Keith Farrar, Vice-chairman