

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Myers at 9:00 a.m. on February 11, 1998 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Klein - excused

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Larry Campbell  
Steve Coleman, Supervisor of Pipeline Safety, KCC

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Don Myers mentioned that next week the Committee will hear **HB 2802** with hearings beginning on Tuesday and continuing Wednesday, hear **HB 2830** later in the week and plans are to devote the entire week regarding Kansas Universal Service Fund. Tomorrow the Kansas Corporation Commission will be present to address questions regarding the Kansas Universal Service Fund.

**Hearing on HB 2743 - Underground utilities, damage to facility, notification of municipal emergency personnel**

The Chairman noted that the fiscal note for **HB 2743** was distributed.

The Chairman introduced Mary Ann Torrence, Staff, Revisor of Statutes Office, who briefed the Committee on **HB 2743**.

The Chairman recognized Representative Larry Campbell, who introduced the bill. Representative Campbell noted that the briefing was very concise and this situation was brought to his attention by a constituent because when there is a serious line break there is confusion as to who to contact. He mentioned that this bill just clarifies to call emergency personnel being 911 or fire department of the municipality. There was no attachment.

The Chairman recognized Steve Coleman, Supervisor of Pipeline Safety for the Kansas Corporation Commission. Mr Coleman mentioned that he appeared on behalf of the Staff of the KCC. He noted that the Commission supports the language which modifies KSA 66-1802 and 1810 and believes that the changes will clarify the requirements and will provide a higher level of public safety. (Attachment #1)

Questions and discussion followed. The hearing was closed on **HB 2743**.

The Chairman recognized Representative Sloan who made a conceptual motion on Page 2, line 41, to define the word serious, that if the integrity of the protective cover of an electric line is penetrated. Representative Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Representative Sloan who made a motion that **HB 2743** be passed out of Committee favorable as amended. Representative Alldritt seconded the motion. Discussion and questions followed and the motion was withdrawn by Representative Sloan upon agreement by Representative Alldritt who had seconded the motion.

The Chairman recognized Representative Sloan who made a motion on Page 2, line 1, to strike "has authority to provide". Representative Alldritt seconded the motion. Representative Sloan closed his motion and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES, Room 514-S Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. on February 11, 1998.

The Chairman recognized Representative Sloan who made a motion to report **HB 2743** favorable as amended. Representative Alldritt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 1998.



**Before the House Utilities Committee  
Comments by the  
Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
February 11, 1998**

**House Bill 2743**

Thank you Mister Chair, I am Steve Coleman, Pipeline Safety Supervisor for the Kansas Corporation Commission and I'm appearing today on behalf of the Staff of the KCC. My comments will be extremely brief. Over the past few weeks, Glenn Smith and I have been working with Representative Campbell on House Bill 2743. The Commission supports the language which modifies K.S.A. 66-1802 and 1810. We believe the changes will clarify the requirements and provide a higher level of public safety. The existing statute does not specify whether local emergency personnel or the operator's emergency personnel should be contacted in case of a hazard to public safety. With the language modification proposed by Rep. Campbell, excavators know that emergency personnel from the local municipality should be contacted, thereby enhancing safety.

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Attachment 1