

Approved: Carl Dean Holmes
Date 1-21-99

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Carl Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on January 12, 1999 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Annie Kuether (Excused)

Committee staff present: Lynn Holt, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook-Whitmore, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairperson Holmes opened the meeting. Rep. McClure advised the committee about the death of Rep. Kuether's husband that morning. The Chair had the Committee members and staff introduce themselves.

The Chair announced that he had met with the vice-chair and ranking minority leader about meeting days. Monday and Friday meetings are up in the air, most Mondays we will meet. The Chair stated that the agendas will be e-mailed out to the committee members, along with notices. The Chair announced that his office was always open. The Chair announced that committee members with amendments to a bill to be discussed, should let him know ahead of time and to ensure the committee member will have a chance to amend the bill before it is considered for movement out of the committee.

Mary Torrence distributed a list of proposed committee bills for introduction.

After the committee had an opportunity to peruse the list, Rep. Alldritt moved that the committee introduce the "Sweet 16" and Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached list.)

The Chair then had the Committee Rules distributed and the committee members were allowed to review them. The rules also included a list of Conferee Rules, which are available from the Committee Secretary. The Chair pointed out a couple of the committee rules and elaborated on their need; i.e., Rule #2, Rule #11, and Rule #18. Conferees rules were also elaborated on, i.e., Rule #7 and Rule #9. (See attached list.)

The Chair stated that the chairman has been known to pull up a bill, especially when the committee members are arriving late, as soon as there is a quorum in the room to work the bill.

The Chair announced that today and Wednesday there is a series of small group meetings. The Chair stated that each member had a committee folder and that they were to stay in the committee room after the meeting to be collected by the secretary. If the folder was taken to their office, they would be responsible for returning it for the next meeting. The Chair stated that material could be removed from the folder for study, but probably would be needed to be brought back for future debate. Likewise, the Bill Books will need to be left in the rooms.

The Chair opened the floor for comments. The Ranking Minority Member Rep. Laura McClure stated she also had an open door policy, reminded all that there was no such thing as a 'dumb' question and that in this committee you could get lost if you don't ask questions. Vice-Chair Rep. Tom Sloan stated that for those who were new, this was traditionally a non-partisan group and that the Chair allows for full debate and does not rush us to decisions, so if you do your homework you'll have a chance to make a real difference.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES, Room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 am on January 12, 1999.

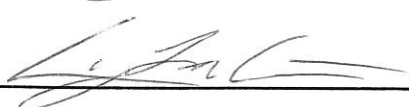
The Chair opened the floor to Committee members. Rep. Myers asked about moving to another room. Chairman Holmes responded he had checked on this, but nothing seems to be available.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 1999.

HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Brady Cantrell	CURB
Pat Cochran	McGill, Cochran & Assoc.
J.C. LONG	UtiliCorp United Inc.
Doug Lawrence	KS Lobbyists
Don K Miles	KEC
Bruce Graham	KEPCO
Joe Dick	KCK BPU
MIKE REECHT	AT&T
Marc Hamann	Div. of Budget
Bill Fuller	Kansas Farm Bureau
Ken PETERSON	KS Petroleum Council
Julie Hean	Hein and Weir, Chtd.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES
PROPOSED BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION

Nonprofit utilities not subject to Corporation Commission (KCC) regulation; size, merger

Retail Wheeling Task Force bill (1998 HB 2619)

KCC authorized to provide competition in retail electric service (1998 HB 2779)

KCC authorized to provide competition in retail natural gas service (1998 HB 2780)

Retail electric and natural gas service; application by consumer or provider to have competition, subject to restrictions

Municipal franchise fees applicable to certain sales within three miles outside city limits

Retail Wheeling Task Force extended for two years

Off-system electric sales contracts required to be interruptible

Industrial electric customers with interruptible contracts allowed to purchase from alternative providers

KCC required to establish uniform base rates for telephone customers within service territory and within same class of company (based on company size)

Universal Service Fund (KUSF); disallow use for construction; disallow use for technology "upon customer demand" and instead allow when technology required by KCC

Deregulate new electric generation; tax as industry rather than utility; proposed siting subject to oversight by Department of Health and Environment

Decrease limitation on time for KCC action in rate cases from 240 days to 180 days with no extensions permitted

Further restrictions on slamming and cramming

Further restrictions on telephone solicitations

Amendments to electric generation facility siting act

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Attachment 1