

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tyson, excused

Committee staff present: Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Barone, the minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on January 17, 2001, January 18, 2001 and January 22, 2001, be approved. Motion carried.

Introduction of Bills

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Lyon, introduction of lrs0427 relating to energy cost adjustment clauses. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Taddiken, introduction of lrs0247 relating to KCC investigations to change the word "may" to "shall" in regard to all schedules and rates and rules and regulations of electric public utilities. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Lyon, introduction of conceptual bill to authorize state departments to provide annual reports via website on the internet to save printing and paper costs. Motion carried.

J. C. Long explained the possible introduction of a bill to encourage a coal power plant to be built in Kansas and noted some issues that are faced when a new plant is proposed. Suggested 240 day time limit for rate case and 180 days for environmental permit, similar to Missouri law. Moved a conceptual bill be drafted and brought back to committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Wagle, seconded by Senator Brownlee, introduction of conceptual bill requiring competitive bidding by public utilities for all new long-term power supplies. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Wagle, introduction of a conceptual bill to redefine merchant power plant and place assessed value at 25% for ad valorem property tax purposes. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Wagle, introduction of conceptual bill on prudence of contract performance base rate making with local distribution companies. Motion carried.

Next meeting of the Senate Utilities will be on January 25, 2001. There will be a joint meeting of House and Senate Utilities Committees on January 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 313-S.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted
Ann McMorris, Secretary

