

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 25, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
 Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
 Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
 Ann McMorris, Secretary
 Chris Crowder, Intern

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 Leo C. Gerhard, Kansas Geological Survey

Others attending: See attached sheet

Chair announced the good news reported by Oneok Bushton Processing, Inc. (Attachment 1) and Kansas Gas Service. (Attachment 2)

Sustainable Energy Presentation

Lee C. Gerhard of Kansas Geological Survey and University of Kansas Energy Research Center, (Attachment 3) showed map with estimates of 21st Century United States and World Energy Supplies through 2020 and a map picturing natural gas resources subject to access restriction. He noted that renewable sources of energy - wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and ocean tides - have many barriers which restricts the amounts available to replace electric generating plants.

Mr. Gerhard commented on use of coal, the demand for natural gas, the cost of new technology and unconventional fossil energy resources. Nuclear power must again become acceptable in the United States. Global population is an important factor in assessing energy sustainability. His recommendations: 1 - need to have a balanced national energy supply policy; 2 - sustain Kansas oil and gas products; 3- engage in debate over nuclear energy; 4- resolution by Kansas to study energy strategy for future; 5- develop a Kansas state energy policy (include the Kansas Energy Research Center as a resource).

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Tyson, introduction of a resolution to encourage a balanced national energy supply policy. Motion carried.

Next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on January 29, 2001.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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