

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Stan Clark at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Wagle, excused
 Senator Lee, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list.

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes, distributed a revised copy of the draft of a bill (**bkpsecs**) which incorporates the various changes the committee had discussed and amended into the original draft at their meeting on March 15, 2001. (Attachment 1)

Bruce Kinzie reviewed the revised draft:

- New Section 1 on pages 1, 2
- New Section 2 on pages 2, 3, 4;
- New Section 3 on pages 4, 5;
- New Section 4, on page 5;
- Strike out of language in --
 - Section 5 (a)(1) on page 6;
 - Section 5 (e)(3)(f)(2); 5(e)(3)(f)(3) on page 9;
 - Section 6 (a) portion of (1) on page 14
- Addition of language – (new language underlined)
 - Sec. 6 (a) (2) and a second paragraph to clarify (6)(a)(2) on page 14
- New Section 7 on page 15;
- New Section 8 on page 15
- New Section 9 on page 15, 16
- New Section 10 on page 16, 17
- Striking “conservation fee” and inserting “well plugging assurance” in Section 12 (d) on page 21.

Committee questioned Section 1 (c) (2) (e) on page 2 --“whether the secretary of health and environment “may” or “shall” enter into contracts” and requested additional input on this item.

It was also suggested in (c)(2)(f)(2) page 2 that the word “working” be inserted commencement of injection of “working” natural gas into such underground storage....

Some discussion on the safety aspect of processing natural gas. KCC will research and bring their findings to the committee on Monday. The phrase “safe and secure” was questioned and it was felt this needed some clarification.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Brownlee, the minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meeting of March 15, 2001 be approved. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on March 19, 2001.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted
Ann McMorris, Secretary
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