

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on March 10, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Oletha Faust-Goudeau-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research

Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office

Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ken Shultis, Professor of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, Kansas State University

Senator Roger Reitz, 22nd district

Others attending:

Ten were present including the speaker.

Presentation on:

Ken Shultis, Professor of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, Kansas State University, gave a presentation, (Attachment 1) on Nuclear Energy in the United States. He noted that while nuclear power plants are expensive to build they are inexpensive to operate, while the opposite is true of coal fired power plants: they are inexpensive to build but expensive to operate. Additionally, he noted that nuclear energy is also CO₂ emission free.

Senator Roger Reitz, 22nd District, spoke to the committee briefly about why it is important for us to look at nuclear energy electric generation as a viable clean and inexpensive source for electricity. He noted that there was a bill that came out of the Senate concerning Nuclear energy that is now in the House.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Hawk, Terry McLachlan, Vern Swanson, Tom Moxley, Don Myers, Tom Sloan, Peggy Mast, Annie Kuether, Judy Morrison, Vaughn Flora, Forrest Knox, Bill Light, and Carl Holmes.

Representative Holmes noted that he would try to get a Wolf Creek power plant tour for the committee members soon. He also spoke to the committee on some talks he had last week with representatives of a foreign company potentially interested in helping to build and/or finance Wolf Creek II.

Additionally he spoke to the committee on the nationwide projected brown outs, by regional transmission organizations for the country, if no more base load generation is developed.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 8. 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.