

Approved: April 1, 2011  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 11, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:  
Representative Rob Bruchman

Committee staff present:  
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:  
Mike Smith, IOCGG  
Patrick Fucik, Sprint  
Kimberly Winn, Kansas League of Municipalities

Others attending:  
Thirty two including the attached list.

Action on:  
**HCR 5022-Urging adoption of federal regulations or policies permitting Kansas to regulate the underground storage of natural gas in interstate transportation.**

Annie Kuether moved to pass HCR 5022 favorably to the house floor. Seconded by Representative Reynaldo Mesa. Motion passed unanimously.

Action on HCR 5022 closed.

Representative Reynaldo Mesa will carry **HCR 5022** on the House floor.

Mike Smith, IOGCC, spoke to the committee on hydraulic fracturing. He noted that there is a site online where one can input their property coordinates and determine if there has been any drilling on that property.

Continued informational hearing on:  
E-911

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes, (Attachment 1) spoke to the committee about what **SubSB 50** as proposed would change in current statute. He went through an explanation of each section of the bill (sections 1-22).

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Stan Frownfelter, Annie Kuether, Joe Seiwert, Nile Dillmore, Vern Swanson, Don Schroeder, Don Hineman, Gail Finney, Forrest Knox, Reynaldo Mesa, J. Stephen Alford, Tom Sloan, Annie Kuether, and Carl Holmes.

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department, (Attachment 2), offered information explaining the current law concerning 911 user fees, administrative fees, and distribution of funds. Additionally, she explained a flow chart on **SubSB 50** that explains how the new bill would distribute funds.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Carl Holmes, Nile Dillmore, Forrest Knox, Mike Slattery, Don Hineman, and Tom Sloan.

The informational hearing on E-911 was suspended.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Energy and Utilities Committee at 9:00 A.M. on March 11, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

Hearing on:

**SubSB 50- Emergency communications service; relating to fees, charges, collection and distribution.**

Proponents:

Patrick Fucik, Sprint, (Attachment 3), spoke to the committee in support of **SubSB 50** noting that the bill contains changes to the Kansas 911 statutes that are necessary to ensure a reliable and equitable source of funding in order to maintain and support the most effective 911 system in Kansas and ensure this vital public safety system.

Kimberly Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachment 4), offered testimony in support of **SubSB 50**. Their number one goal is to make sure the money collected is spent in the manner in which it is intended to get the best service available. Additionally, they offered several amendments that bring this bill back to the intent of the original legislation that was passed out previously. Their amendment recommendations include changes with: coordinating council, grant funds, fees, and some clean up measures.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Vern Swanson, Tom Sloan, and Nile Dillmore.

Bob Lamkey, Director of Public Safety, Sedgewick County, helped to answer questions posed by the committee.

The hearing on **SubSB 50** was suspended until Monday March 14, 2011.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.