

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:03 a.m. on January 25, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Carl Krehbiel

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Dennis McKinney

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2010 - Ten-year limitation on property tax exemption for property used to generate electricity from renewable resources

Representative Dennis McKinney, appeared in support of **HB 2010** (Attachment 1). Rep. McKinney explained that this bill had come out of the Interim Committee on Utilities. Rep. McKinney said that having an abatement to help businesses get established is okay, however after a period of time that business should share in the responsibility to help pay for schools, roads, and other local government services. Rep. McKinney responded to questions from the committee.

Continued Hearing on HB 2034 - Enhanced emergency ("911") telephone service

Responses to yesterday's questions were provided by Michael Murray (Attachment 2), League of Kansas Municipalities/Kansas Association of Counties (Attachment 3), Major Walter Way of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office (Attachment 4) and the Overland Park Police Department (Attachment 5).

Conferees from yesterday's hearing continued to respond to questions from the committee. Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **HB 2034** and, due to time constraints, announced that the bill would be worked next week.

In response to a question from the January 23, 2001 meeting, John L. Sommer, Vice President of OneOK, distributed a letter (Attachment 6) regarding the closing of the Bushton Processing Plant.

Chairman Holmes then announced that the committee would hold sub-committee meetings on Wednesday, January 31. The committee would be divided into three sub-committees, chaired by Reps. Holmes, Sloan and McClure. Each sub-committee will discuss energy issues, suggesting bill proposals, and suggesting amendments to those bills already prepared. The sub-committees would then return to the whole committee for any bill introductions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 29, 2001.