

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 15, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Annie Kuether-excused
Margaret Long-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jere White, Corn and Grain Sorghum
Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau
Duane Simpson, Association of Ethanol Producers

Others attending:

Fifteen including the attached list.

Hearing On:

HB 2476: **Incentives for purchase and installation of equipment for blending and storing bio-fuel.**

Proponents:

Jere White, Corn and Grain Sorghum, (Attachment 1), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2476**. He noted this bill will provide incentives to expand bio-fuels facilities in Kansas.

Terry Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau, (Attachment 2), gave support of the concept of **HB 2476**, commenting that this bill continues the growth of the expansion of bio-fuels.

Duane Simpson, Association of Ethanol Producers, (Attachment 3), offered testimony in favor of **HB 2476**. He commented this would help the terminals in Kansas that do not currently offer ethanol.

Chairman Holmes gave background on why this legislation was introduced. He noted many of the distribution facilities in Kansas often run out of ethanol by mid afternoon each day. Additionally, there are not many of the facilities throughout Kansas, making the logistics of distribution cumbersome. This bill would offer incentives to help spur the growth of blending plants.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, and Tom Hawk.

Hearing on **HB 2476** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.