

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on February 11, 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
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office
Renaе Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Elmer Ronnebaum, Kansas Rural Water District
Brad Mears, Kansas Municipal Utilities
Darci Meece, Water One
Kim Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending:

Seventeen including the attached list.

Chairman Holmes noted that Tom Moxley and Mary Torrence won the gas guessing quiz the committee participated in and were given gift cards to Chiles.

Hearing on:

HB 2638-Location and mapping requirements for underground water facilities.

Proponents:

Elmer Ronnebaum, Kansas Rural Water Association, (Attachment 1), spoke to the committee in support of **HB 2638**.

Darci Meece, Water One, (Attachment 2), offered testimony in support of **HB 2638**.

Written Proponents:

Levi J. Henry, City of Horton, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in support of **HB 2638**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Margaret Long, Tom Sloan, and Terry McLachlan.

Opponents:

Kim Winn, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachment 4), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2638**. She noted that most League members are in favor of any new water lines being regulated. Additionally she offered a compromise to the bill that would make it amicable to small municipalities. It was noted they were most opposed to the unfunded mandate portion of the bill.

Kimberly Gencur-Svaty introduced, Brad Mears, Kansas Municipal Utilities, (Attachment 5), who offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2638**.

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Cindy Neighbor, Rocky Fund, Terry McLachlan, Rob Olson, Annie Kuether, Forrest Knox, Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, and Bill Light.

Earl Lewis, assistant director, Kansas Water Office, also helped to answer questions asked by members of the committee.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2638**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2008 where the committee is scheduled to work **HB 2711**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.