

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:12 a.m. on February 12, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Nile Dillmore

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes distributed a list of energy related bills that have been introduced by the committee (Attachment 1). The Chairman discussed the status of each bill and asked the committee members to comment.

Chairman Holmes distributed a copy of a RFP (Request for Purchase) issued by the Department of Administration's Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) that dealt with the KAN-ED network (Attachment 2).

Rep. Sloan announced that the House Committee on Taxation had held hearings on **HB 2266** and **HB 2268** and the committee had recommended both bills favorable for passage. They also worked **HB 2245** and recommended it for passage. Because these 3 bills had been referred to both Taxation and Utilities Committees, they were now at this Committee's disposal.

Rep. McClure distributed a press release (Attachment 3) about the \$27 million ethanol plant to be built in Russell, Kansas.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the House Committee on Taxation on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Statehouse.