

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 7, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tyson, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
Tom Severn, Legislative Research  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Ernie Fantini, Passive Solar Structures, Ltd., Lawrence  
Peter Scharfenberg, Owens Corning Kansas City, KS  
Bill Griffith, Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club, Leavenworth  
Dorethy Hancock, citizen, Topeka

Others attending: See attached list.

Chair continued the hearing by proponents on:

**SB 299 - Promotion of energy efficiency, income tax credits**

Ernie Fantini, designer & builder, Passive Solar Structures, Ltd., Lawrence stated this legislation would be of benefit to the citizens of Kansas. The public needs to be educated on the energy cost savings in building or remodeling. Saving energy in homes not only improves the financial stability and comfort of citizens in Kansas but it also helps our state in subtle ways. (Attachment 1)

Peter Scharfenberg, plant leader, Owens Corning Kansas City, outlined how **SB 299** would positively affect their business, while promoting and improving energy efficiency through the state of Kansas. This bill provides incentives to save energy. (Attachment 2)

A member asked for an estimate on how many homeowners would take advantage of this tax credit. Mr. Scharfenberg said he had not statistics available to answer that question.

Bill Griffith, Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club, Leavenworth, stated the inefficient use of energy causes many economic and security problems in our country today, and most of the environmental ones. He cited examples of excess use of energy. He explained the use of net metering. He pointed out the last section of the bill on tax credits for renewable generation is long overdue and urged raising the cap on wind turbine investment. (Attachment 3)

Dorethy Hancock, private citizen, Topeka, focused on personal and philosophical aspects of the bill as it would affect all Kansans. She is researching energy efficient methods in her planning to build a bed and breakfast, utilizing solar and wind energy. (Attachment 4)

Kansas Corporation Commission Larry Holloway provided a summary of state "net metering" programs as requested from the committee at the March 6 hearing. (Attachment 5)

Chairman Clark announced he had been provided a packet of documentation on energy savers and since there was only one copy, it would be available from his office if anyone wished to review the materials.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Emler, the minutes of the Senate Utilities meetings on March 1, 2001, March 5, 2001 and March 6, 2001, be approved. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on March 8.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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