

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:08 a.m. on February 12, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter
Representative William Kassebaum
Representative Jim Ward

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes asked for bill introductions. Representative Sloan moved to introduce a House Resolution addressing key issues on broadband deployment. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2652 - Unitization of more than one oil or gas reservoir if constitutes a single pressure system

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2652**. Representative Sloan distributed proposed language for new Section 2 (Attachment 1). Representative Sloan moved to replace new Section 2 with the proposed language. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to recommend HB 2652, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Reitz will carry the bill.

HB 2516 - Incentives to increase electric transmission system and generation capacity; state corporation commission powers

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2516**. Representative Sloan distributed a proposed substitute bill that had been worked on and recommended by the sub-committee (Attachment 2). He explained the proposed changes, section by section, and responded to questions from the committee. Representative Sloan moved to adopt the substitute bill. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to recommend Substitute for HB 2516 favorable for passage. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan will carry the bill.

Representative Long-Mast moved to approve the minutes of the meetings for January 13, January 14, January 15, January 20, January 21, January 22, and January 23. Representative Neighbor seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 13, 2004.