

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 16, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Robert Tyson- excused

Committee staff present:
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Wagle, minutes for meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on March, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2004, be approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark opened for discussion and possible action on:

HB 2652- Unitization of more than one oil or gas reservoir if constitutes a simple pressure system
Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Wagle, HB 2652 be amended by striking the language on lines 15 & 16 after owners "and not less than 90% of the royalty owners", Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Wagle, HB 2652 be reported out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

HB 2772 - Public utilities, excluding certain landlords from definition

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Lyon, HB 2772 be amended by striking the following language on line 21 ...plus the actual cost of the billing and collection of such charge. Motion carried

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Lyon, HB 2772 be passed out favorably as amended.

Substitute motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Barone, that HB 2772 be tabled. Motion carried.

Introduction of a Resolution

Senator Clark requested introduction of a resolution to encourage the Kansas Geological Survey, Kansas Department of Revenue, Kansas Corporation Commission and the county appraisers to come up with a uniform reporting form for oil and gas and to report their progress to the Senate Utilities Committee at the start of the next session of the legislature.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Lee, the above resolution be introduced. Motion carried.

SB 401- Oil and gas, information required with payment, penalties.

After considerable discussion on proposed amendments to **SB 401** and brief presentations by Doug Smith representing the Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association; Ron Hein representing the Occidental Oil and Gas Corporation; and Jon Small representing Exxon Mobile Corporation, the Chairman urged the interested parties to meet and reach a consensus on the language. The Chairman announced there would be no meeting on Wednesday, March 17 and the committee would give further consideration to **SB 401** at the next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee which is scheduled for March 18, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Secretary