

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 18, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Annie Kuether- excused
Carl Krehbiel- excused
Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Heather Klaasen, Research Intern
Renaе Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Judy Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director
Kimberly Winn, Director of Policy Development and Communications,
Representative Tom Sloan
Tim Pickering, Attn., ATT-KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to introduce three bills to the committee from the Select Joint Committee on Energy: 1. Would provide income tax credit for investment in energy efficiency and energy conservation by home owner/apartment owners. 2. Would create renewable energy cooperatives by schools and municipalities. 3. Would provide a tax credit for utilities that provide renewable energy to meet presidential executive orders that encompass military facilities and other federal agencies. Seconded by Representative Tom Hawk. Motion Carried.

Judy Moler, General Counsel/legislative Services Director, Kansas Association of Counties, (Attachment 1), gave the committee an update on Enhanced 9-1-1.

Kimberly Winn, Director of Policy Development and Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachment 2), discussed the deployment of enhanced wireless 911 in Kansas.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Mitch Holmes, Margaret Long, Melody Miller, Carl Holmes, and Jason Watkins.

Hearing on:

HB 2590: VoIP enhanced 911 act.

Representative Tom Sloan, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in favor of having the VoIP providers and customers contribute to the E911 fund.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Tom Hawk, Forrest Knox, Lynne Oharah, Melody Miller, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, and Margaret Long.

Tim Pickering, General Attorney, SBC Kansas, (Attachment 4), presented testimony explaining how this legislation would work.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Jason Watkins, Jim Morrison, and Lynne Oharah.

The hearing on **HB 2590** was closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2006.

Meeting adjourned.