

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Leo Haynos, KCC
Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association
Ed Desoignie, Heavy Constructors of Kansas City
Elmer Ronnebaum, Kansas Rural Water

Others attending:

See attached list.

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research, gave a briefing to the committee on **SB 464**. Additionally, she had a copy of the bill with remarks inserted (Attachment 1) explaining the changes in the current law for the utility damage prevention act.

Hearing on:

SB 464 **Kansas underground utility damage prevention act, rules and regulations.**

Proponents:

Leo Haynes, KCC, (Attachment 2), explained the bill and the procedure of digging and excavating. He also offered an explanation of how the current one call program. Additionally, he walked the committee through the history of the one call laws that have occurred.

Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in favor of **SB 464** and supported the added wording of the Senate where water utilities were also including making the one call a true "one call".

Written Proponent:

Edward DeSoignie, The Heavy Constructors Association, (Attachment 4), in support of **SB 464** as amended to include water and sewer facilities along with certain oil and gas production facilities.

Opponents:

Elmer Ronnebaum, Kansas Rural Water Association, (Attachment 5), spoke in opposition to **SB 464** as it pertains to rural water lines and the need to remove the amendment added by the Senate.

Questions were asked and comments were made by Representatives: Jason Watkins, Robert Olson, Lynne Oharah, Tom Sloan, and Carl Krehbiel.

Hearing on **SB 464** closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Tomorrow we will hear **SB 463.**

Representative Robert Olsen moved to accept the minutes for January 10, 11,12,18,19,20 24 and February 7,8,9 presented. Seconded by Representative Peggy Mast. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.