

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rob Olson, Representative
Greg and Missy Smith,
Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park
Dan Jacobson, AT & T
Frank Denning, Sheriff of Olathe
Ron Gaches, Sprint
Ron Gaches, Williams Company

Others attending:

Thirty-three including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2126 - Requiring telecommunications providers to provide call location information in emergency situations.

Melissa Doeblin, Kansas Revisor of Statutes, explained **HB 2126** to the committee.

Proponents:

Rob Olson, Representative, (Attachment 1), offered testimony in support of **HB 2126** noting some proposed amendments that would help make the bill more workable.

Greg and Missy Smith, (Attachment 2), offered testimony in support of **HB 2126** noting other cases across the nation where this would have helped.

Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in support of **HB 2126**.

Opponents:

Dan Jacobson, AT & T, (Attachment 4), offered testimony that explained the way they offer pinging to their customers. He noted that with the change in the proposed legislation they would be supportive of **HB 2126**. Part of his testimony included a form that would be filled out by law enforcement to ensure that the request for pinging is legitimate.

Bob Keller, Sheriff of Olathe, (Attachment 5), offered testimony that noted that with the proposed language change amendment they would be in favor of **HB 2126**.

Ron Gaches, Sprint, (Attachment 6), noted that with Representative Rob Olson's proposed changes they would be in favor of **HB 2126**. Mr. Gaches noted that Sprint's procedure involves a verbal discussion between law enforcement, themselves and 911.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Energy And Utilities Committee at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, Vern Swanson, Rob Olson, and Tom Moxley.

The hearing on **HB 2126** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2271 - Regulations for underground hydrocarbon storage wells.

Melissa Doebelin, Kansas Revisor of Statutes, explained **HB 2271** to the committee.

Proponents:

Ron Gaches, Williams Company, (Attachment 7), presented testimony in favor of **HB 2271**. He gave an explanation of why this bill needs to be enacted into law.

The hearing on **HB 2271** was closed.

The chairman spent time talking about the rest of the week is scheduled. He noted that if there are no Republican or Democrat caucuses we will start the committee meeting at 8 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.