

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 16, 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
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

A. E. Reiss, Severy Gas, Americus Gas

Others attending:

Forty-nine including the attached list.

Reopened hearing on:

HB 2027 - Granting cities' power to relinquish authority over natural gas and water utilities.

Opponents:

A. E. Reiss, Severy Gas, Americus Gas, (Attachments 1, 2, 3, & 4), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2027**. He offered testimony that included letters from 2 other individuals relating to **HB 2027**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Moxley, Vern Swanson, Cindy Neighbor, Vince Wetta, Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, Annie Kuether, Forrest Knox, and Rocky Fund.

Some questions were answered by the comptroller for the company, Jennifer Haines.

A handout was given to the committee (Attachment 5) from the KCC. Mr. Leo Haynos, from the KCC, offered an explanation of the chronology of significant events in the commission staff investigation of the docket number 07-SEVG-1340-SHO.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Annie Kuether, Tom Sloan, Joe Seiwert, Carl Holmes, and Vince Wetta.

Questions were also answered by Ron Craig, Mayor, Severy, Kansas.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2027**.

Action on:

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

Representative Rob Olson, offered an amendment, (Attachment 6) for **HB 2126**.

Representative Rob Olson moved to amend **HB 2126** with the offered language (Attachment 6). Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Rob Olson, and Tom Sloan.

Motion carried..

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Representative Rob Olson moved to pass out **HB 2126** as amended. Seconded by Representative Rocky Fund. Motion Carried.

Representative Rob Olson will carry **HB 2126** on the floor.

Action on:

HB 2027 - Granting cities' power to relinquish authority over natural gas and water utilities.

Representative Forrest Knox moved to pass **HB 2027** favorably. Seconded by Representative Tom Moxley.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Mike Burgess, Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan,

Motion withdrawn.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to amend after the state corporation commission on lines 26 27, adding "affected utility". Seconded by Representative Ven Swanson. Motion carried.

A question was asked about rather it should be published in the statute book.

Representative Forrest Knox moved to pass **HB 2027** favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Vern Swanson.

Debate ensued by Representatives: Rob Olson, Josh Svaty, Tom Sloan, Tom Moxley, Margaret Long, Annie Kuether, and Forrest Knox.

Motion to pass **HB 2027** as amended, failed 8-12.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to introduce a House resolution calling on KCC to study how the commission will treat energy storage. Seconded by Representative Rob Olson. Motion carried.

The chairman noted we will make arrangements for a tour to Jeffery Energy Center for mid-March.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.