

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:13 a.m. on February 15, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Annie Kuether
 Rep. Jerry Williams

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research
 Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
 Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: George Barbee, Kansas Society of Architects

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2475 - Requiring consideration of life-cycle costs in the design phase of construction of and major repairs and improvements to state buildings

Mr. George Barbee, appearing on behalf of the American Institute of Architects in Kansas, stated that they would normally support a bill like **HB 2475**, however, it requires additional services currently uncompensated (Attachment 1). Mr. Barbee also distributed a brochure that outlines the proposed replacement of the fee cap on architectural services with a fair and reasonable fee (Attachment 2). Mr. Barbee responded to questions from the committee.

Written comments from Gene Meyer, Engineering Extension and Kansas State University instructor, addressed concerns about the bill (Attachment 3).

Chairman Holmes stated that, due to information received about current statute K.S.A. 77-3739 regarding life-cycle costs, a resolution could be introduced to request those agencies affected to report to the Legislature about their actions taken.

Lynne Holt, Principal Analyst, distributed information requested at the joint meeting on February 13 (Attachment 4).

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Next meeting is Monday, February 19, 2001.