

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 6, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Judy Morrison-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bruce Snead, KSU
Ken Frahm, KEC Co-Chair
Dave Springe, CURB
John Strickler, Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education
Laura Downey, Executive Director /Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education
Paul Snider, KCPL
Mark Schreiber, Westar
Don Low, KCC
Joe Harkins
Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council
Martha Smith, KS Manufactured Housing
Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors

Others attending:

Thirty-Four including the attached list.

HB 2526 **Monitoring and analysis of mercury deposition samples in Kansas.**

Representative Vaughn Flora moved to amend (Attachment 1), HB 2526. Representative Annie Kuether seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Representative Annie Kuether moved to pass HB 2526 favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor.

Discussion ensued by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Don Myers, Tom Hawk, Forrest Knox, Margaret Long, Terry McLachlan, Vaughn Flora, and Josh Svaty.

Motion carried.

Representative Vaughn Flora will carry **HB 2526** on the House floor.

Hearing on:

SB 128 **Requiring certain electric utilities to provide energy conservation information to consumers, establishing the energy conservation promotion education advisory group.**

Proponents:

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Dave Sprunge, CURB, ([Attachment 2](#)), presented testimony in support of **SB 128**. He noted his work on this bill on the Kansas Energy Council and some of the history of the bill from the Senate side of the Kansas legislature.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Tom Sloan.

Mark Schreiber, Westar, ([Attachment 3](#)) offered testimony in support of **SB 128**. Additionally, Westar asked for an amendment to this bill that would allow for cost recovery.

Ken Frahm, KEC Co-Chair, ([Attachment 4](#)), gave supporting testimony on **SB 128** noting why the Kansas Energy Council does support this legislation.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Tom Hawk, Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, Cindy Neighbor, and Don Myers.

Questions were also answered by: Liz Brosius, Director, Kansas Energy Council, and Joe Harkins, KEC.

Vice-Chair Rob Olson took over the chairing of the meeting.

Bruce Snead, KSU, ([Attachment 5](#)), gave supporting testimony to **SB 128**, noting the issue is a long overdue mechanism to help educate consumers in the conservation efforts of the individual consumer. He commented that we should look at the wealth of information already available from other states if we begin implementing this legislation

John Strickler, and Dr. Laura Downey, Executive Director, Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE), ([Attachment 6](#)), offered supporting testimony for **SB 128** noting a suggestion for a change in the bill on page2, line 13. Attached to his testimony are a list of members of the KACEE organization and a national report card on United States citizen's energy knowledge, attitudes and behavior.

Paul Snider, KCPL, ([Attachment 7](#)), spoke in support of **SB 128**, strongly advocating the promotion of energy efficiency.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative: Rob Olson.

Neutral:

Don Low, KCC, commented verbally that the Kansas Corporation Commission does support **SB 128**. He noted the KCC does not support Westars' amendment.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Oletha Faust-Goudeau, and Tom Sloan.

Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council, ([Attachment 8](#)), offered neutral testimony on **SB 128** noting an amendment that was attached on the Senate side and are hoping that the amendment would stand.

Martha Smith, Kansas Manufactured Housing, ([Attachment 9](#)), offered neutral testimony on **SB 128** offering an amendment to **SB 128** striking "and conservation" on page one, line 19, making that section consistent with wording on page 2, Section 1(D)(2).

Written Neutral:

Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors ([Attachment 10](#)), offered written neutral testimony to **SB 128**.

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Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Josh Svaty, Cindy Neighbor, Vern Swanson, Tom Sloan, Josh Svaty, Cindy Neighbor, Tom Moxley, Tom Hawk, Forrest Knox, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Bill Light, Rocky Fund, Rob Olson, and Terry McLachlan.

Questions were also answered by Joe Harkins.

Hearing on **SB 128** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.