

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 4, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Milack Talia- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stephen R. Weatherford, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation
Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference
Liz Brosius, Kansas Energy Office

Others attending:

Twenty-Six including the attached list.

Presentation on:

Weatherization Issues, Stimulus funding, Kansas Energy Efficiency Program

Stephen R. Weatherford, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, presented information to the committee regarding "The Weatherization Assistance Program" ([Attachment 1](#)) and the Kansas Energy Efficiency Program (KEEP), ([Attachment 2](#)). He noted that they have used approximately \$800,000 dollars to make \$1.9 million dollars in upgrades to over 200 homes across the state.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Gail Finney, Cindy Neighbor, Vern Swanson, Mike Burgess, Tom Moxley, Don Myers, and Carl Holmes.

Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference ([Attachment 3](#)), presented information regarding weatherization and the way the Kansas Catholic Conference intervenes for customers with utilities companies.

Liz Brosius, Kansas Energy Office, made some comments on the low interest loans for home owner weatherization upgrades.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Joe Seiwert, Rocky Fund, Carl Holmes, and Tom Moxley.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.