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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Senate Chairman Stan Clark at 9:37 a.m. on January 23, 2002 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gene O'Brien
Representative Ward Loyd

Committee staff present: Robert Chapman, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Carl D. Holmes

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Clark welcomed Representative Holmes, who spoke about his attendance at a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Energy for the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) (Attachment 1). Representative Holmes told about the makeup of the Advisory Committee and the assignments they were given. He then outlined the activities of the recent three day meeting in Florida. On Thursday, they had a tour of the Energy Technology Resource Center owned by Tampa Electric Company. On Friday morning's session was on infrastructure risk assessment. During the afternoon they toured the Polk Power Station, a state of the art "integrated coal gasification combined-cycle power plant" (Attachment 2). Saturday morning's session began with a presentation by Nora Mead Brownell, FERC Commissioner. The afternoon was spent in discussion and committee recommendations. Representative Holmes explained that the committee was instrumental in the completion of three booklets: California's Power Crisis-What Happened? What Can We Learn?; Restructuring in Retrospect; and The Electric Industry-State and Federal Jurisdiction. These booklets were distributed to committee members and are available from the State Library. Representative Holmes responded to questions from the committee. The joint meeting adjourned.

The House Committee on Utilities convened immediately upon adjournment of the joint meeting. Chairman Holmes asked for bill introductions. Representative Sloan moved to introduce a bill giving the Kansas Development Finance Authority the ability to finance broadband telecommunication infrastructures in cooperation with local governments and private sector partnerships. Representative McClure seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Kuether moved to have a resolution introduced that encourages the Kansas Congressional Delegation to obtain a federal grant to be used for start up funding for high sulphur coal generation plants. Representative McClure seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 24, 2002 at 9:00 with a joint meeting with Senate Utilities to commence at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34.