

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on March 22, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Vaughn Flora - Excused
Representative Bonnie Huy - Excused
Representative Jason Watkins - Unexcused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Leo Haynos, Kansas Corporation Commission, Topeka, KS

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2530 - Natural gas service to consumer on gas gathering system; curtailment of service; corporation commission authority

Chairman Holmes welcomed Leo Haynos, Supervisor of Natural Gas for the Kansas Corporation Commission, to the committee. Mr. Haynos responded to additional questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2530**. A copy of the Senate Committee Report on **SB 303**, which is a duplicate of **HB 2530**, was distributed to the committee (Attachment 1). An information sheet on hydrogen sulfide gas was provided to committee members (Attachment 2).

A balloon developed by the Revisor of Statutes' office showing all of the proposed amendments was distributed (Attachment 3).

Representative Mast moved to adopt the recommend change on line 22 and alternative #2 of the balloon. Representative Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to add language on lines 34 and 35 that states 'the commission shall hold a hearing and issue any orders relating thereto within 30 days after receipt of such notice.' Representative Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to strike all language on line 28 following the word 'disputes.' Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Mast moved to recommend **HB 2530**, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Mast will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmes asked the committee to be thinking of bill requests and briefings for next year. Representative Jim Morrison moved to introduce a committee bill for 2006 that dealt with net metering. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.