

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 14, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Annie Kuether- excused

Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research

Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Heather Klaasen, Research Intern

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Hal Gardner, KAN-ED

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hal Gardner, KAN-ED, (Attachment 1), appeared before the committee to answer a series of questions that committee members had concerning the KAN-ED program.

Two particular pieces of information (Attachments 2 & 3), from the Board of Regents report were handed out for the committee. One told of the partial funding shift for the KAN-ED program. The other specified cutting of funds for connectivity.

Louis Bruce, HCF Warden, (Attachments 4), presented continuation written testimony to the previous testimony he presented before the committee during the hearing for **HB 2656**.

Questions and comments were posed by Mary Galligan and Representatives: Rob Olson, Melody Miller, and Jason Watkins.

Additionally, Hal Gardner, KAN-ED, (Attachment 5), presented an overall plan of communication with Kan-Ed user communities.

Further questions were asked by Representatives: Judy Morrison, Carl Holmes, Tom Sloan, Margaret Long, Carl Krehbiel, and Tom Hawk.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned by Representative Carl Krehbiel.