

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Clark at 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Brownlee, excused

Committee staff present: Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: See attached list A

Others attending: See attached list B

This was a joint meeting of the House and Senate Utilities Committees for purposes of allowing public comment on natural gas prices. Chair Holmes opened the meeting. Senator Barone welcomed the group of around 100 citizens.

Chair Holmes announced due to the number of persons desiring to speak before the committees there would be a 5 minute time limit for each presentation. 22 persons (List A) spoke regarding inflated monthly gas bills, the effect on their lives and the lives of the neighbors, the commercial problems, and asking for answers on why their gas bills were so high.

Written testimony was provided by: Kim Johnson, JAMS, Pittsburg, KS. ([Attachment 1](#))
Clay Loyd, Topeka ([Attachment 2](#))
Dave Sorrick, S.K.I.L. Resource Center, Parsons ([Attachment 3](#))

Chair Clark closed the meeting by thanking those who had presented testimony and those who had attended. He told the group the House and Senate Utilities Committees were addressing the issues and were working with the Kansas Corporation Commission to conduct an indepth study analyzing the components on your natural gas bill.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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