

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 1, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tyson, excused

Committee staff present:       Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
   Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
   Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
   Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

                  Susan Cunningham, Acting General Counsel, KCC  
                   Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel, Director of Governmental Affairs  
                   Bruce Snead, City Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem, Manhattan

Others attending:        See attached list.

**Approval of Committee Minutes**

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Brownlee and Senator Taddiken, the minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee on February 20, 2001, February 27, 2001 and February 28, 2001 be approved. Motion carried.

Chair opened hearing on:

**Substitute for H.B. 2244 - Energy Resources Coordination Act****Neutral**

Susan Cunningham, Acting General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, presented the general concerns of the KCC. (Attachment 1)

Members of the committee inquired whether KCC has the authority to do energy planning and Susan responded only as it relates to public utilities. Jim Ploger of the KCC Energy Planning Office answered questions regarding funding. He indicated funds are all federal and matching funds to obtain continued federal support would be needed in two years. More information was requested on funding. Staff provided background information on this office and how it was transferred to KCC.

**Proponents:**

Natalie Haag, Chief General Counsel, Director of Governmental Affairs, offered an alternate substitute bill to Substitute for HB 2244 that incorporates the existing KCC energy division with an advisory council on energy. The draft is being prepared by the Revisor's Office and will be distributed to the Senate Utilities Committee on completion. (Attachment 2)

A member asked for information on the current powers of the Governor to establish an energy agency.

Bruce Snead, City Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem of City of Manhattan, spoke in favor of this bill and responded to the proposed alternate substitute bill changes. (Attachment 3)

Written testimony was received from: (1) Bruce Snead, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Attachment 4) and (2) Kansas Department of Health & Environment (Attachment 5)

Chairman announced hearings will be continued on Substitute for **HB 2244** during the week of March 12 when the Governor's alternate substitute bill would be available.

Next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be held on Monday, March 5.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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