

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:08 a.m. on February 22, 2000 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Secretary Dean Carlson, Kansas Dept of Transportation  
Ron Appletoft, Johnson County Water District #1  
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

**HB 2893 - Underground utilities; application of damage prevention act; remedies for violation.**

Chairman Holmes welcomed Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Secretary E. Dean Carlson, who presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2893 (Attachment 1)**. Secretary Carlson stated the bill appeared to include KDOT with other operators who have underground facilities and would require KDOT to locate, compile and map all of its underground facilities. Secretary Carlson stated the Department's permit process covers the need of entry on Department property.

Mr. Ron Appletoft, on behalf of Water District No. 1 of Johnson County, testified in opposition to **HB 2983 (Attachment 2)**. Mr. Appletoft stated that mandating water utilities to become members of the One Call System would be costly for the Water District. He explained that several years ago, the Water District had voluntarily joined the System and their locate calls increased from 25 per day to nearly 500 calls per day.

Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development for the League of Kansas Municipalities, provided information on the definition of a facility (Attachment 3) by stating that water and sewer lines were not included in the definition of a facility and the cities would not be required to join because of this definition.

Written testimony from Elmer Ronnebaum, General Manager of the Kansas Rural Water Association (Attachment 4).

There were no questions from the committee.

Rep. Sloan presented a conceptual House Resolution on the One-Call System.

Chairman Holmes announced that the committee would be working **SB 54 - Tenant access to television service** the following day.

Rep. Alldritt announced that the Legislative Post Audit Committee would meeting the next day to discuss audit topics.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.