

Approved: May 4, 2011
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on April 29, 2011, in Room 152-S of the State Capitol Building.

All members were present except:
Representative Mike Slattery-excused

Committee staff present:
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Shirley Allen, Kansas Rural Independent Telephone Companies

Others attending:
Twenty five including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HR 6020- Urging modifications to the National Broadband Plan for the benefit of rural residents of Kansas.

Matt Sterling, Revisors office, gave a brief overview to the committee of **HR 6020** (Attachment 1). He noted there is a printing error in the bill that includes the word Senate instead of House of Representatives.

Proponents:

Shirley Allen, Kansas Rural Independent Telephone Companies, (Attachment 2), spoke to the committee in favor of **HR 6020**. She gave the committee the genesis of this resolution and noted this is a bi-partisan issue and does not have a rural versus urban slant to it. She commented that in Washington D.C. the Department of Agriculture has been asked to stay out of this issue by the FCC. Kansas Rural Independent Telephone Companies has a problem with this, as agriculture is affected by the issue.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Vern Swanson, Tom Sloan, and Reynaldo Mesa.

The hearing on **HR 6020** was closed.

Action on:

HR 6020- Urging modifications to the National Broadband Plan for the benefit of rural residents of Kansas.

Representative Tom Sloan moved we pass HR 6020 favorable for passage and put it on the consent calender. Seconded by Representative Vern Swanson. Motion passed.

Action on **HR 6020** closed.

Hearing on:

HR 6025-Urging the United State Congress to permit the KCC to regulate hydraulic fracturing.

Matt Sterling noted this is the same bill that was passed out of the house as **HCR 5023** and gave an explanation of **HR 6025** (Attachment 3).

Comments were made by Representative Forrest Knox.

Hearing on **HR 6025** was closed

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Energy and Utilities Committee at 9:00 A.M. on February 10, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

Action on:

HR 6025-Urging the United State Congress to permit the KCC to regulate hydraulic fracturing.

Representative Vern Swanson, moved to pass HR6025 to the house favorably and put it on the consent calendar. Seconded by Representative Phil Hermanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Action on **HR6025** was closed.

Hearing on:

HR 6024-Urging the adoption of federal regulations permitting Kansas to regulate the underground storage of natural gas.

Matt Sterling noted this is the same bill that was passed out of the house as **HCR 5022** and noted that **SCR 1606** is written differently. He gave the committee an explanation of **HR 6024** (Attachment 4).

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Carl Holmes, and Tom Sloan.

Tom Day, KCC, spoke to the committee on the differences of **HCR 1606** and **HCR 5022**. He noted that **HCR 1606** has some special interest items included in it. He commented that the commission is more comfortable with **HR5022** and thus **HR 6024** than **SCR1606**.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the audience and there were none.

The hearing was closed.

Action on:

HR 6024-Urging the adoption of federal regulations permitting Kansas to regulate the underground storage of natural gas.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to pass out of committee HR 6024, and put it on the consent calendar. Seconded by Representative Don Schroeder. Motion carried unanimously.

Action on **HR 6025** was closed.

The chairman thanked the staff for their work on the committee.

There are no more meetings scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.