

House Bill 2273

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I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak about this legislation and hope my words will be considered during deliberation before this committee.

I want to start by quoting a bit of the Bible, Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." I use this bit of scripture only to emphasize that we have reason to be stewards of all God provides. It is my belief that one of God's greatest gifts to us was the power of the sun and wind. With these two sources of power we need only to learn how to make best use of them and go forth.

For many years we have believed that God's gift of power was in the ground. We have disturbed the beauty of our farms, hills and valleys to retrieve oil, gas and coal thinking that was God's only source of power for us to use. Millions have been earned, use enjoyed but at the cost of pollution that now has made changes in health, weather and water.

With advanced technology we are now on the threshold of making full use of the power of sun and wind and I can believe God is smiling down on us learning that we have finally realized the full value of those precious gifts.

As a boy I worked in Beatrice NE for a company that made windmills. We could not build them fast enough to meet the demands of those needing water. Soon electricity provided power to run pumps and the demand for windmills is now only a memory except in remote areas where there is no electricity. I recently learned that in those areas some solar power and wind is being used to power pumps.

I look across the plains of my beautiful state of Kansas and see row after row of wind producing wind generators and feel warm, knowing we are becoming the kind of stewards God ordained us to be.