

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:13 a.m. on February 8, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Randy Allen, Kansas Association of Counties
Don Moler, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending: See Attached List

HCR 5012 - Urging cities and counties to use certain revenues for natural gas utility franchise fees to pay for insulation of certain buildings

Randy Allen, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Counties, addressed the committee as an opponent of **HCR 5012** (Attachment 1). Mr. Allen explained that, as far as he knew, there were no counties in Kansas that received franchise fees from natural gas and requested that the resolution be amended to remove all references to counties. Mr. Allen responded to questions from the committee.

Don Moler, Executive Director for the League of Kansas Municipalities, appeared in opposition to **HCR 5012** (Attachment 2). Mr. Moler suggested that the presumption of a windfall should be removed from the resolution and the issue should be to look at revenues adjusted by consumption. Mr. Moler responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **HCR 5012** and opened the floor for debate on the resolution. Rep. Morrison moved to amend line 29 on page 1 by striking the word 'resident.' Rep. McLeland seconded the motion, motion carried. Rep. Alldritt moved to strike, beginning on line 15 and throughout the resolution, all references to counties. Rep. Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Myers moved to table HCR 5012. Rep. Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Continued debate on HB 2244 - State energy planning act; establishment of energy office and authority; formulation of state energy plan.

Rep. Sloan distributed a substitute balloon and explained that this was developed from the previous day's discussions. Rep. Sloan outlined the differences between the original bill, the balloon adopted previously and the current proposed balloon. Rep. Sloan moved to adopt the substitute balloon, Rep. McLeland seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Krehbiel moved to strike Sections 3 and 4 and, in the title, 'providing for certain assessments to fund the council.' Rep. Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved to change page 2, line 5 to read "...designated in subsections (a)(2) through...", Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved to add language in Section 2(7)(b) to clarify that ex-officio members have voting rights. Rep. McLeland seconded the motion, motion carried.

Rep. Kuether moved to recommend Substitute for HB 2244, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Dillmore seconded the motion, motion carried. Rep. Kuether will carry the bill.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Next meeting is Friday, February 9, 2001.