

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:08 a.m. on March 8, 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:

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

SB 514 - Natural gas pipeline safety; compromise of penalties imposed by KCC

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **SB 514**.

Rep. Sloan introduced a balloon that 1) would change the short title from ...natural gas pipeline safety... to ..the state corporation commission... and 2) would change line 29 by deleting the work 'related' and inserting the phrase 'that is related to natural gas pipeline safety or underground utility damage prevention and benefits the industry or community as a whole' following the word 'project'. Rep. Sloan moved the adoption of the balloon. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion. Rep. Vining requested a division of the amendment. On the first portion, motion carried. On the second portion, motion carried. Rep. Krehbiel moved to strike, on line 28, the works 'and supported by'. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved to report **SB 514**, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Dreher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 431 - Addition of unwanted charges to telephone bills prohibited

Chairman Holmes opened the debate of **SB 431**.

Rep. Sloan introduced a balloon that would add the definition of 'customer' to Section 1 and the words 'or customer' throughout the bill following the word 'consumer'. Rep. Sloan moved the adoption of the balloon. Rep. Vining seconded the motion. Motion was withdrawn. Rep. Alldritt moved to report **SB 431** favorable for passage. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 514 will be carried on the floor by Rep. Toelkes. Rep. Kuether will carry **SB 431**.

Sub for Sub SB 257 - Electric transmission line siting requirements

Rep. Sloan presented a substitute bill. After explaining the substitute, Rep. Sloan moved to adopt the substitute bill. Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Rep. Myers requested the substitute be divided into two parts (Sections 1, 2 & 3 as part one and Section 4 as part two). Motion to pass part one of the substitute bill carried. Part two of the substitute was withdrawn. Rep. Alldritt moved to change Section 1(4)(b), line 7 to readhearing, which shall be in one of the counties through.... Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Myers moved to strike, in Section 1(a)(2)&(3) and Section 2 last sentence, '1,500' and replace with '600'. Rep. Loyd seconded the motion. Motion failed. Rep. Alldritt moved to replace '1,500' in Section 1(a)(2)&(3) and Section 2 last sentence with '1,320'. Rep. Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Loyd moved to strike Section 1(a)(3). Rep. Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes announced the debate on **House Sub for Sub for Sub SB 257** was in recess and would continue tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.