

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:13 a.m. on March 15, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Carl Krehbiel
Rep. Jerry Williams

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2521 - Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act revision

The debate continued on **HB 2521**. Rep. Lightner moved to allow all water and sewer systems to opt out of the One-Call program. Rep. McLeland seconded the motion. The motion failed. Rep. Myers moved to allow city water systems to opt out of the program. Rep. McLeland seconded the motion and the motion failed. Rep. McLeland moved to strike the previously added amendment that allows rural water districts to opt out of the program. Rep. Merrick seconded the motion. After discussion, Rep. McLeland withdrew his motion. Rep. Loyd moved to recommend **HB 2521**, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. Dreher seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Lightner requested her NO vote be recorded in the minutes. Rep. Myers will carry the bill.

HR 6011 - Consideration of life-cycle costs in the design of state buildings

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **HR 6011**. There were no conferees and the hearing was closed. The Chairman opened the debate on the resolution. Rep. Loyd moved to recommend **HR 6011** favorable for adoption. Rep. McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. O'Brien will carry the resolution.

HCR 5013 - Constitutional amendment decreasing the property tax assessment rate for public utility property to 25%

Chairman Holmes reconvened the hearing on **HCR 5013**. Written testimony in opposition to **HCR 5013** was submitted by Judy Moler, General Counsel for the Kansas Association of Counties (Attachment 1). Gene L. Merry, Chairman of the Coffey County Commissioners, provided written testimony in opposition to **HCR 5013** (Attachment 2). Conferees previously testifying responded to questions from the committee. The Chairman closed the hearing on **HCR 5013**. Chairman Holmes stated he intends to request an interim to study decreasing property tax assessments on public utilities and asked that members of the committee prepare questions to be included in the request.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 20, 2001.