

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 19, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research  
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chair opened discussion on:

**SB 360 - Public utilities, costs of new facilities**

The proponents and opponents briefly summarized their positions. A motion by Senator Emler received no second, no further action taken.

**SB 309 - Increasing certain penalties for public utilities or common carriers**

Moved by Senator Wagle, seconded by Senator Taddiken, to report **SB 309** out unfavorably.

Substitute motion by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Emler, to move **SB 309** out favorably. Motion failed.

Substitute motion by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Brownlee, amend **SB 309** by striking \$20,000 and inserting \$5,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Emler, to report **SB 309** out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark asked for report from Senators Wagle and Tyson regarding the specific points to be discussed at the hearing on **SB 455 - Industrial wind turbine development**. Senator Wagle noted the two year moratorium on the Flint Hills was selected as the specific topic. Some questions on zoning laws in the various counties covered by the Flint Hills were asked. Information will be obtained by the Legislative Research staff. Senator Clark announced that proponents would be given the period up to 9:50 a.m. and the opponents would have the rest of the time for their presentations.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee is scheduled for February 20, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Secretary.