

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on January 16, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Tatiana Lin, KSU Legislative Fellow  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ken Frahm, Kansas Energy Council  
Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson

Others in attendance: See attached list

Presentation by Kansas Energy Council

Co-Chairs Ken Frahm and Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson presented the highlights of the 2007 Kansas Energy Plan. Mr. Frahm spoke on the side of the demand issues: (1) establishment of a utility-operated statewide energy education and conservation program; (2) amendment of the existing laws regarding the disclosure of information about the energy efficiency of new housing; and (3) local units of government are encouraged to adopt minimum energy efficiency standards for new construction. Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson spoke on the side of the supply issues; (1) expansion of wind-generated electricity to 1,000 MW by 2015 for which the Legislature should consider the need for and type of additional incentives for development; and (2) development of IGCC coal power plants for which the Legislature should consider the need for and type of additional incentives for development. (Attachment 1)

Questions from the committee regarding the cost for transmission lines and how they would be funded; the position of CURB on a rate increase; KCC standards on this area of rate structure; defining externalities; reliability of wind energy; time span and studies being conducted.

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Francisco, conceptual introduction of two bills concerning establishing a statewide energy education program and amending current law in regard to disclosure of information about the energy efficiency of new housing. Motion carried.

Revisor will prepare the language for the two conceptual bills for consideration later this week.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachment - 1