

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on January 22, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:
Josh Svaty-Excused

Committee staff present:
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Rena Hansen, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club
Marilyn Jacobson, Secretary of Administration
John Easter, American Chemical Council
Nancy Jackson, Climate Energy Project
Wayne Penrod, Sunflower Energy
Tom Gross, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:
35 including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2015 - Establishing energy efficiency standards for certain owned and leased property, equipment and vehicles.

Melissa Doeblin presented an explanation of **HB 2015** to the committee.

Proponents:

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club (Attachment 1), offered testimony in support of **HB 2015**.

John Easter, American Chemistry Council, (Attachment 2), presented testimony in support of **HB 2015**.

Marilyn Jacobson, Director, Division of Finance and Facilities Management, (Attachment 3), offered written testimony in support of **HB 2015**. They requested one change: that the word calendar be replaced by the word fiscal.

Written Proponents:

Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects, (Attachment 4), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2015**.

Neutral:

Nancy Jackson, Climate and Energy Project, (Attachment 5), presented testimony in support of **HB 2015**. She commented that energy efficiency is by far the cheapest energy resource available to us as a society. She noted that the better we make the envelope of a building the less amount of energy we need to heat and cool the building.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Joe Seiwert, Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, and Annie Kuether.

The chairman noted that the cost savings to the state as well as the expense for qualified personnel is included

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in the fiscal note.

The hearing on **HB 2015** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB 2016 - Establishing limits for mercury, nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide from certain emissions units.

Melissa Doebelin gave a briefing to the committee on **HB 2016**.

Proponent:

Wayne Penrod, Executive Manager, Environmental Policy, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, (Attachment 6), presented testimony in support of **HB 2016**. He noted that the requirements in this bill for NO₂ and SO₂ emissions are the same requirements that were in the permit they submitted to KDHE for the Holcolm power plant that was subsequently denied.

Opponent:

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, (Attachment 7), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2016** and believes that in order to not have any NO₂ and SO₂ emitted in the air, that no coal plants should be built. They believe that regulating toxins should not be turned over to the legislature.

Neutral:

Tom Gross, KDHE, (Attachment 8), offered neutral testimony to **HB 2016**. He spent some time explaining some of the processes of KDHE and the construction permitting process.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, Tom Sloan, Vern Swanson, Rocky Fund, Milack Talia, Vince Wetta, Joe Seiwert, Don Myers, and Tom Moxley.

The hearing on **HB 2016** was closed.

Representative Milack Talia offered a community wind farm brief, (Attachment 9) to the committee for the members' perusal.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.