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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on February 7, 2003 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Mary Compton
Representative Roger Toelkes

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2018 - Renewable energy electric generation cooperative act

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2018**. Representative Sloan distributed a balloon amendment (Attachment 1). Representative Sloan moved to adopt the balloon amendment. Representative P. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Myers moved to amend Page 3, Line 39 to read '50' instead of '100' kilowatts. Representative Dillmore seconded the motion. The motion failed. Representative Kuether moved to recommend **HB 2018**, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Neighbor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Kassebaum will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmes distributed a draft copy of a proposed bill relating to security cost recovery that the subcommittee recommended (Attachment 2). The committee members also received a copy of Westar Energy's Debt Reduction and Restructuring Plan (Attachment 3).

HB 2130 - Encouragement of increased electric transmission capacity; facility siting; pass-through of costs

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2130**. Representative Sloan distributed a balloon amendment (Attachment 4). Representative Sloan moved the adoption of the balloon. Representative Kuether seconded the motion and the motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to amend Page 2, on or about line 10, to read "...to the commission at least five **business** days before...." Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Kuether moved to recommend **HB 2130**, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Svaty will carry the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

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