

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on March 14, 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, Legislative Fellow  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chair opened the hearing on:

**HB 2306 - Kansas electric transmission authority duties and powers**

Proponent

Written testimony submitted by Earnie Lehman, Midwest Energy (Attachment 1)

Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, explained the proposed changes in **HB 2306** authorized KETA to conduct its day-to-day business without the necessity of providing notice and allowing for responses. She noted this is a cleanup bill.

Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2306**.

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Reitz, to move **H.B. 2306** out favorably and place on the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Chair continued the discussion on **SB 325** called on Frank Caro and Steve Johnson to continue their explanation of the agreement reached and to present any changes to the draft of **Substitute for SB 325 - 7rs1314**. Frank Caro noted both sides had agreed to the following changes in New Section 3 (d) which would now read: (Attachment 2)

(d) After review, the commission may order that exit tap service be provided and may determine if rates and-charges for such service are reasonable and non-discriminatory when compared to rates for similar service on the subject gathering system. However, such service shall not be required unless the commission finds all of the following:

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Petersen, to adopt **Substitute for SB 325** with suggested changes in New Section 3 (d). Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Lee, to move **Substitute for SB 325** out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Pine, minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on March 12, 2007 and March 13, 2007 be approved. Motion carried.

Other Action Taken

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Petersen, to table **HB 2485 - energy conservation; design standards for public buildings; L.E.D. traffic signals** and write a letter to LCC requesting authority for further study by an interim committee. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Secretary  
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