

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Bob Lyon- excused  
Senator Janis Lee- excused  
Senator Robert Tyson- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Clark opened the meeting and asked for introduction of bills.

Senator Emler explained the intent of a proposed SCR is the result of the Interim Utilities Committee and the special committee on Kansas Securities regarding the interoperability on the 800 megahertz and KDOT's policy of not permitting others to be on their towers. KDOT met the first week of session with all concerned parties and KDOT has changed their mind on its policy. This SCR is to encourage all parties to work cooperatively to make the system work.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Barone, the SCR as described above be introduced. Motion carried.

Senator Clark explained the next proposed bill is a natural gas check stub bill. This is to provide more information to the royalty owners to make sure all is aboveboard.

Moved by Senator Clark, seconded by Senator Brownlee, introduction of a bill regarding natural gas check stub for royalty owners. Motion carried.

The next two bills are from Atmos Energy and they both deal with allowing the flow through of costs annually so the utility company doesn't have to go through rate hearings where costs exceed the approved figure in a certain project.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Emler, the two bills requested by Atmos Energy be introduced. Motion carried.

The rest of the meeting was used for computer training for the committee.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on January 27, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary