

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 15, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Clark provided the committee with an article on Coal Bed Methane programs developing in northeastern Kansas. (Attachment 1)

Chair opened for discussion and possible action on **Substitute for HB 2516 - Incentives to increase electric transmission system and generation capacity, state corporation commission powers.**

The committee was provided a balloon of **Substitute for HB 2516** with the various changes suggested by KCC and others who presented testimony. (Attachment 2)

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Emler, to adopt the ballon **Substitute for HB 2516** which incorporates suggestions from Sunflower, Westar and KCC. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Tyson, to amend **Substitute for HB 2516** by striking Section 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Emler, to pass out **Substitute for HB 2516** favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Chair opened for discussion and possible action on

HB 2756 - public safety communication system; purchase of equipment to lease to public safety agencies, issuance of revenue bonds

There was considerable discussion on the \$5 million appropriation from the State Highway Fund to capitalize the new Communication System Revolving Fund and the 12 new employees as submitted in the February 18, 2004 Fiscal Note for **HB 2756**. (Attachment 3)

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Taddiken, to pass **HB 2756** out favorably. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee is scheduled for March 16, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Secretary
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