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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:07 a.m. on March 12, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter

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

SB 309 - Increasing certain penalties for public utilities or common carriers

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **SB 309**.

Representative Krehbiel distributed and explained a proposed amendment (Attachment 1). Representative Krehbiel moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Ward moved to change, on the sixth line of the amendment, \$5,000 to \$20,000. Representative Dillmore seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Dillmore moved to restore the stricken language in Section 2 and add the same language from the Krehbiel amendment from Section 1. Representative Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Kassebaum moved to amend Section 2, relating to the fines, from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in subsection (1) and from \$5,000 to \$50,000 in subsection (2). Representative Dillmore seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Kuether moved to recommend SB 309, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Kassebaum will carry the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33.

The next meeting will be the tour of Jeffrey Energy Center on Monday, March 15.