

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 23, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jay Emler- excused

Committee staff present:
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Jacque Sundgren, Rosalia
Suzan Barnes, Grand Central Hotel, Cottonwood Falls
Simon McGee, Alma
Larry Patton, El Dorado
Terry D. Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau
Pete Ferrell, Beaumont
Ron Gaches, Kansas Wind Coalition
Mike Palmer, Empire District Electric Co.
Elizabeth Hendrix, Elk Co. Commissioner
James Perkins, Elk Co. Commissioner
Colleen Anderson, Council Grove

Others attending:
See Attached List.

Chair Clark opened the hearing on:
SB 455 - Industrial Wind Turbine Development

Proponents:

Jacque Sundgren, Rancher, Rosalia (Attachment 1)
Suzan Barnes, Grand Central Hotel, Cottonwood Falls (Attachment 2)
Simon McGee, Rancher & Landowner, Alma (Attachment 3)
Larry Patton, Rancher, El Dorado (Attachment 4)

Written testimony from Dan Ward, Kansas Wildlife Federation (Attachment 5)

Opponents:

Terry D. Holdren, Kansas Farm Bureau (Attachment 6)
Pete Ferrell, Rancher, Beaumont (Attachment 7)
Ron Gaches, Kansas Wind Coalition (Attachment 8)
Mike Palmer, VP, Commercial Operations, Empire District Electric Company, Joplin, MO (Attachment 9)
Elizabeth Hendricks, Elk County Landowner (Attachment 10)
James Perkins, Howard, KS
Colleen Anderson, Landowner, Council Grove (Attachment 11)

Written testimony from: Roger Zimmerman, Alta Vista (Attachment 12)
Jennifer States, J.W. Prairie Wind Power LLC, Lawrence (Attachment 13)
Wayne Hoffman, Orion Energy, Oakland CA (Attachment 14)
Trudy Aron, Exec. Director, AIA Kansas, Topeka (Attachment 15)
Matthew Hantzmon, Greenlight Energy, Charlottesville VA (Attachment 16)
Rex Savage, Marion County, Florence (Attachment 17)
Anne B. Wilson, Flint Hills Landowner (Attachment 18)

Chairman opened for questions. Discussion on short term moratorium, how much oil well development in Kansas and how other states have legislated wind power.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chair closed hearing on **SB 455**.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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