

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Susan Wagle- excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Crump, President, Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Clark opened the hearing on

SR 1829 - Urging standardized forms for oil and gas producers

Doug Smith on behalf of John Crump spoke in support of **SR 1829**. He noted the project proposed by **SR 1829** would be helpful in getting clearer reports to the owners. Electronic filing and public access to non-proprietary information through a central data base was supported. At present reports are filed monthly with KCC and the Department of Revenue, and county appraisers received reports annually. (Attachment 1)

Lee Allison of the Kansas Geological Survey indicated they received their data from KCC and the Department of Revenue.

Susan Duffy, executive director of the Kansas Corporation Commission, offered some language changes for **SR 1829**. Instead of the word "urging" insert "encouraging" and use streamlining instead of standardization in the appropriate sections.

Bruce Kinzie, office of Revisor of Statutes, reviewed **SR 1829** with the proposed changes.

The chairman closed the hearing on **SR 1829**.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Taddiken, **SR 1829** be moved out favorably with changes. Motion carried.

The chairman noted this was probably the last meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee this session and during the past four years, the committee has held 131 meetings, some of them at night, and covered topics from tree trimming, Yucca Mountain, Nevada, bedded salt storage, golden parachutes, wind energy and numerous other areas in the utilities field. He thanked the committee members for their positive attitude in the use of electronic technology this year and asked that they each provide him with a short written report on their views of this pilot project.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachments - 1

CONTINUATION SHEET

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