

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 19, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Approval of minutes

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Taddington, approval of the minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meetings on March 10, 2003; March 11, 2003; March 12, 2003 and March 13, 2003. Motion carried.

Chair reopened the hearing on

**HB 2374 - Procedures for recovery of public utilities' security costs**

Committee members discussed the suggested amendment made by David Springe, CURB in his testimony on March 17 before the committee. Revisor recommended the new language be incorporated by adding Sec. 3(a)(5) instead of incorporating it into Sec. 3(a)(4). The new (5) would read "security cost recovery shall be allocated and added to all wholesale and retail rates, and to contracts if the provisions of the contract allow".

Chair closed hearing on **HB 2374**.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Emler, amend **HB 2374** by adding new (Sec. 3(a)(5) to include the following "security cost recovery shall be allocated and added to all wholesale and retail rates, and to contracts if the provisions of the contract allow". Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Clark, amend **HB 2374**, Sec. 3 (7) page 2, line 8 to change "1/3" to "1/2." Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Emler, pass **HB 2374** out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Chair reopened hearing on

**HB 2037 - Repeal of sunsets on recovery of certain utility costs for use of public rights-of-way and for security.**

Chair closed hearing on **HB 2037**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE at on March 19, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Barone, to amend **HB 2037** by inserting the language from **SB 51-- prohibiting the exclusion of excessive employee compensation ("golden parachutes") in public utility rates. Motion carried.**

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Emler, amend **HB 2037** Section 2 by inserting the sunset clause as found in Section 1 of the bill. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Emler, amend **HB 2037** on lines 20 and 25 to change "2004" to "2005". Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Taddington, **HB 2037** be moved out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Senator Emler introduced his three pages for the day (three young ladies, one of whom was his daughter) and Senator Lyon introduced two young men who were serving as his pages for the day.

Chair opened for discussion on

**HB 2130**—encouragement of increased electric transmission capacity; facility siting; pass-through of costs.

Further information is being gathered by Legislative Research and discussion on **HB 2130** was delayed until March 20.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on March 20, 2003..

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary