

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 12, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Oletha Faust-Goudeau- excused
Annie Kuether-excused

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Jason Long, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Trevor McKeeman, NISTAC/Sunflower
Steve Miller, Sunflower
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club
Maurice Korphag, KCC
Mark Schreiber, Westar

Others attending:

Fifteen including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2419: Carbon dioxide reduction act; income tax deductions and property tax exemptions; regulation of carbon dioxide injection wells.

Proponents:

Steve Miller, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, (Attachment 1), offered testimony in support of **HB 2419**.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, (Attachment 2), gave testimony in support of **HB 2419**.

Trevor McKeeman, NISTAC/Sunflower, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in favor of **HB 2419**, noting some of the benefits of the CO₂ sequestering and proclaiming that by adding the tax incentives Kansas would be a leader in the utilization of this technology.

Written Proponents:

Duane Simpson, Association of Ethanol Producers, (Attachment 4), offered written testimony in support of **HB 2419**.

Neutral:

Maurice Korphage, KCC, (Attachments 5 and 6), presented testimony that was neutral in its approach to **HB 2419** noting some of the history of CO₂ injection in the state of Kansas and its' current status. The additional attachment describes the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's Carbon Capture and Storage: A Regulatory Framework for States Summary of Recommendations. Within the KCC testimony are a few recommendations for corrections and changes in the bill.

Mark Schreiber, Westar, (Attachment 7), offered testimony that was neutral to **HB 2419** with recommendations for changes and clarifications for the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Vern Swanson, Vaughn Flora, Dan Johnson, Terry McLachlan, Bill Light,

Hearing on **HB 2419** was closed.

Chairman Carl Holmes communicated to the committee that minutes will be sent out via email and approval will be within 48 hours of sending out the minutes.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.