

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 20, 2006 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached list.

Chairman opened for discussion on

SB 414 - Enacting the gas safety and reliability policy act

Kansas Gas Service had offered amendments to **SB 414** which the Chair reviewed, citing each addition or deletion throughout the text of the bill. He opened for discussion and possible action.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Reitz, adoption of the amendments to **SB 414** proposed by Kansas Gas Service. Motion carried. (Attachment 1)

KCC answered questions on how the Commission handled rate case requests for recovering unforeseen expenses more quickly. Also questions asked on what advantages did the consumer get. CURB voiced their opposition and referred to their proposed amendments presented at the February 2, 2006 hearing on **SB 414**.

Opposition was voiced on the language regarding GSRS charges and additional language was proposed by Senator Francisco. (Attachment 2)

Moved by Senator Francisco, to amend **SB 414** by including all the amendments proposed by CURB. This motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Lee, to amend **SB 414**, by inserting the language "enacted or adopted following the filing of the most recent rate case for the natural gas public utility requesting the GSRS" on page 1 line 43 following the word 'facilities' and on page 2, line 5 following the word 'requirements'. Motion failed. (Attachment 2)

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Reitz, to pass **SB 414** out favorably as amended. Motion carried. "NO" votes recorded for Senators Lee and Francisco. (Attachment 1)

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Reitz, approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee held on February 16, 2006. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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