

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 6, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Tatiana Lin, KSU Legislative Fellow
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy
David Springe, CURB

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chair opened the hearing on:

HB 2034 - Removal of sunset provision for public utility recovery of security expenditures

Proponent

Mark Schreiber of Westar Energy testified that Westar, Kansas City Power & Light and KEPCo support **HB 2034** that would repeal the sunset provision. He noted removal of the sunset provision as proposed in **HB 2034** will benefit the citizens of Kansas by helping utilities fund reasonable security practices. (Attachment 1)

Opponent

David Springe, Citizens' Utility Ratepayers Board, presented reasons for opposition of **HB 2034** by CURB. CURB recommends the law be allowed to sunset on July 1, 2007. As an alternative, CURB recommended amending the statute to extend the sunset date to 2009. (Attachment 2)

Considerable discussion on how funding of security applications and rate cases are handled.

Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2034**

Chair opened the hearing on:

HB 2039 - Definition of "removable energy resources or technologies"

No one signed up to testify either as a proponent or opponent. Paul Snider of KCPL offered an explanation that the purpose for the bill was to prevent tax credit incentives being given for coal fired plants.

Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2039**.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Reitz, **HB 2039** be passed out favorably. Motion carried.

Chair announced that requested information had been provided by Leo Haynos, KCC on **SB 20** regarding Provisions for Tiered Facilities. (Attachment 3)

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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