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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on March 21, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Vaughn Flora-excused
Forrest Knox-excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Frank Caro
Allie Devine, Kansas Livestock Association
Terry Holdren, Farm Bureau
Dave Sharp, ONEOK
Dick Brewester, BP America, Inc
Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas
David Bleakley, EKOGA
Ed Cross, KIOGA

Others attending:

Forty including the attached list.

Informational Hearing:

S Sub HB 2485: **State corporation commission authority to fix, charge and collect fees for intent to drill a well, Kansas petroleum education and marketing act amendments.**

Ed Cross, KIOGA, (Attachment 1), presented an explanation to the committee on amendments that were made to **HB 2485** brought forth by KIOGA.

Chairman Holmes made the committee aware that **S Sub HB 2485** would be in conference tomorrow, March 22, 2007 at 8 am in 231-N.

Comments were made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, and Carl Holmes.

Sub SB 325: **State corporation commission jurisdiction over gas gathering systems.**

Proponents:

Frank Caro, (Attachment 2) spoke in favor of **Sub SB 325**.

Allie Devine, Kansas Livestock Association, (Attachment 3) offered written testimony in support of **Sub SB 325**.

Terry Holdren, Farm Bureau (Attachment 4), presented written testimony in support of **Sub SB 325**.

Dave Sharp, ONEOK, (Attachment 5), offered testimony in support of **Sub SB 325** noting that in its original form they were opposed to it.

Neutral:

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Dick Brewster, BP America, Inc, (Attachment 6), offered a detailed explanation of **Sub SB 325** in its amended form.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, Peggy Mast, and Annie Kuether.

Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas, (Attachment 7), gave testimony on **Sub SB 325** and made a suggestion for changes to **Sub SB 325**, urging the committee to adopt the amended suggested language.

Questions were asked by Representative: Tom Sloan.

David Bleakley, EKOGA, (Attachment 8), offered testimony from a neutral standpoint on **Sub SB 325**. EKOGA believes this legislation takes out the element of two parties working together to find a solution for a problem.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Cindy Neighbor, and Carl Holmes.

Ed Cross, KIOGA, (Attachment 9), presented written testimony from a neutral position on **Sub SB 325**.

Comments in response to questions regarding the neutral position were offered by Frank Caro, noting that **Sub SB 325** is a compromise between both sides of the issue.

Further questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Margaret Long, and Carl Holmes.

Additional comments were made by Jack Graves, DCP Midstream, relating to the suggested amendments.

The hearing on **Sub SB 325** was closed.

Chairman Holmes made the committee aware of the information before the committee from KCPL (Attachment 10) and Midwest Energy (Attachment 11).

Discussion on:

Sub SB 20: Kansas underground utility prevention act amendments.

Representative Tom Sloan brought forth a suggested amendment to **Sub SB 20** (Attachment 12).

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative: Annie Kuether.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to amend Sub SB 20 (Attachment 12). Seconded by Representative Rob Olson.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Dan Johnson, Tom Sloan, Cindy Neighbor, Margaret Long, Rocky Fund, Tom Moxley, and Carl Holmes.

Representative Tom Sloan closed on the proposed amendment.

Motion to amend Sub SB 20 passed 9-6.

Further questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Carl Holmes, and Tom Sloan.

It was decided staff would make technical corrections to clean up the amendment language to its original intent.

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Representative Tom Moxley moved to strike page six line 23 of the amended language of **Sub SB 20**.
Seconded by Representative Vern Swanson.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Annie Kuether, Tom Moxley, and Carl Holmes.

Motion to amend was carried, 8-7.

Representative Tom Sloan moved that we recommend **Sub SB 20** favorable for passage as amended.
Seconded by Representative Josh Svaty.

Comments were made by Representatives: Rocky Fund, and Annie Kuether.

Motion carried.

Representative Tom Sloan will carry **Sub SB 20** on the House floor.

Handed to the committee were articles from regional and national newspapers that related to KCP&L's news announcement from March 20, 2007, (Attachment 13).

Chairman Holmes announced the proposed agenda for March 22, 2007.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.