

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Energy and Public Utilities Minutes
February 23, 2021
134th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Energy and Public Utilities was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 10:07 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting were approved.

The Chair called up S.B. 29 for its first hearing

The following testimony was provided:

Senator Frank Hoagland, Ohio Senate - Sponsor (Written Testimony)

The Chair ordered the committee to stand at ease at approximately 10:12 a.m.

The Chair brought the committee back to order at approximately 10:20 a.m.

The Chair called up S.B. 44 for its third hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Chris Zeigler, API Ohio - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

The Buckeye Institute - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Charles Willoughby, Industrial Energy Users - Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

James McDonald, Perry Joint Fire District - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Bruce Weston, Office of the Ohio Consumer's Counsel - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Ohio Independent Power Producers - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Miranda Leppla, Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund (Written Testimony Only)

Kim Bojko, Ohio Manufacturers' Association - Interested Party (Written Testimony)

Senator Williams moved to amend with AM0189 (Renewable energy standards). Senator Schuring moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-4.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM0195 (Re-establishment of energy efficiency requirements). Senator Schuring moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-4.

Senator Williams moved to amend with AM 0196 (Repeal H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly). Senator Schuring moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-4.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM 0198 (Legacy generation resource cost recovery mechanism repeal). Senator Schuring moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 8-4.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM 0199 (Customer refunds for improper utility charges). Senator Schuring moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 9-3.

Senator Craig moved to amend with AM 0197 (Consumer representative on PUCO). Senator Schuring moved to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 9-3.

Senator Schuring moved that S.B. 44 be favorably reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 12-0.

The committee adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Bob Peterson, Chair