

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on March 8, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Pete Brungardt- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research

Susan Kanarr, Legislative Research

Helen Pedigo, Revisor of Statutes

Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ken Keller, Controller, Western Extralite

Bill Miller, Board of Directors, American Subcontractors Assn.

Dan Haake, Owner, Haake Foundations

Rick Dodds, Boeing Company

Wayne Hardy, Weststar Energy

Cory Peterson, Association of General Contractors

Phil Sewell, Central Mechanical-Wichita

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the public hearing on:

SB 445–Fairness in private construction contracts

Ms. Pedigo provided the committee with an explanation of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Mr. Keller testified in favor of the bill, and presented testimony for others who were also in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) Mr. Miller testified in favor of the bill with the same testimony.

Mr. Haake testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Don Dawson, National Electrical Contractors Association, Jerry Root, Owner, Broadway Electric, and Kathy Toll, NACM provided written testimony in favor of the bill with the testimony provided by Mr. Keller. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Kathy Damron, Kansas City, Kansas Area Chamber of Commerce. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mr. Dodds testified in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Mr. Hardy testified in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

Mr. Peterson testified in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Mr. Sewell testified in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

Michael R. Murray, Sprint, provided written testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 9](#))

Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Chamber, provided written testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 10](#))

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on March 9, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.