



Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy
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Representative Greg Wren
Chairman

Senator Cam Ward
Vice-Chairman

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
11:00 a.m.

- Representative Greg Wren called the meeting of the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy to order at 11:05 a.m. A quorum being established the Committee continued the agenda outlined for the meeting.
- Rep. Greg Wren welcomed those in attendance and thanked everyone for their time and continued efforts.
- Members of the Alabama Legislature that were in attendance included: Representative Greg Wren, Senator Cam Ward, Senator Arthur Orr, Representative Chad Fincher, Senator William Beasley, Representative Oliver Robinson, Representative Johnny Mack Morrow, Senator Tom Whatley, and Senator Greg Reed.
- Opening comments were then made by the Members of the Committee who were in attendance. All Members were looking forward to carrying on the work of the Joint Energy Committee and continuing to make Energy issues a priority for the Legislature and the State.
- The Committee then proceeded to elect the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee. Representative Johnny Mack Morrow nominated Representative Greg Wren for the position of Chairman, Senator Cam Ward seconded the motion. There being no opposition and no other nominations Representative Greg Wren was elected as Chairman of the Committee. Representative Chad Fincher then nominated Senator Cam Ward for the position of Vice-Chairman, and Representative Oliver Robinson and Senator Greg Reed seconded the motion. There being no opposition and no other nominations Senator Cam Ward was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
- The Committee then reviewed all legislation which had been introduced and enacted by the Joint Energy Committee since the Committee's inception in 2007. This legislation included the following: Act The Alternative and Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (Act 2008-275), the Green Fleet Review Committee (ACT# 2009-650), Transportation of Ethyl Alcohol (ACT# 2009-651), Life Cycle Costing for the Procurement of State Property (ACT# 2009-652), Life Cycle Costing for the Procurement of State Motor Vehicles (ACT # 2009-653), B20 Resolution (ACT# 2009-162), B5 Resolution (ACT# 2009-231), Interagency Working Group Resolution (ACT# 2009-797), RPS Resolution (ACT# 2009-796), the Codification of the Joint Legislative Energy Committee (ACT# 2010-232), Alabama Energy and Residential Codes (ACT #2010-185), and the 400lb Idler Arm Exemption (ACT # 2010-543).
- Senator Ward spoke briefly about his plans to introduce a reiteration of the Research and Development bill the Joint Energy Committee has supported since 2008. Further details and copies of the legislation will be provided upon final drafting.

- The floor was then opened to those in attendance to make comments and suggestions regarding general energy policies and objectives. Several attendees made suggestions as to areas where the Joint Energy Committee may seek additional support and possible legislation. Topics discussed included the expansion of offshore oil production capabilities, the impact further oil production may have on the tourism industry, further promotion of energy efficiency and conservation programs, and solar energy programs.
- Karen Clifton from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) provided a brief overview of the actions taken by the Alabama Energy Codes Board regarding proposed energy codes for the State of Alabama. Karen noted on November 7th the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board voted to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (2009 IECC) for Commercial Buildings and the 2009 International Residential Code (2009 IRC) including the energy chapter for residential construction. A few amendments were made to these codes, and the new proposed code will be published in the November edition of the Administrative Monthly for 35 days. A public hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2012 with a board meeting immediately following. At that meeting the board will determine the 'effective' date for enforcement of the codes.

* Jason Reid from the Home Builders Association of Alabama also made comments regarding the Energy Codes.

- Dr. Buzz Powell, Chairman of the Green Fleet Review Committee then gave a brief report on the status of the Green Fleet Review Committee created by ACT #2009-650. Dr. Powell discussed the substructure of the Green Fleet Review Committee including its two subcommittees the New Technology Implementation Subcommittee and the Life Cycle Cost Procurement Subcommittee. He then discussed the Committee's working relationship with the Inventory Working Group which was created by ACT #2009-797. Dr. Powell concluded his presentation with the remaining tasks needed to ensure compliance with ACT # 2009-650 which included Life Cycle Cost implementation, enhanced posting of new technology results, and the appointment of a statewide fleet officer.
- The Committee then discussed and reviewed the 2011 Energy Report.
- There being no further business Representative Greg Wren and Senator Cam Ward made closing remarks and the Energy Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Greg Wren
Chairman
Joint Energy Committee