

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
Meeting Jointly
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
9:30 AM
Room B, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Scott Flippo, Chair; Terry Rice, Vice-Chair; Joshua Bryant, Kim Hammer, Matt McKee, Jim Petty, Gary Stubblefield, Dan Sullivan; Representatives Lanny Fite, Chair; Milton Nicks, Jr., Vice-Chair; Wade Andrews, Stan Berry, Andrew Collins, Carol Dalby, DeAnna Hodges, Mike Holcomb, Wayne Long, Mindy McAlindon, Tippi McCullough, Richard McGrew, David Ray, R. Scott Richardson, Johnny Rye, Bart Schulz, and David Whitaker

Other members present: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Breanne Davis, Jim Dotson, Bart Hester, Mark Johnson, Bryan King, Frederick Love; Representatives Harlan Breaux, Matt Brown, Joey Carr, Hope Duke, Denise Ennett, Jon Eubanks, Jack Ladyman, Jay Richardson, Joy Springer, Trey Steimel, and Carlton Wing

Senator Flippo called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the November 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) [Exhibit C]

Senator Bryant presented ISP 2023- 100 – To study the development of a strategy to regulate digital asset mining businesses, also known as crypto mining, within the State of Arkansas. Senator Bryant made a motion to adopt ISP 2023-100, seconded by Representative Dalby, the motion carried.

Welcome Remarks

Representative Richard McGrew welcomed the committee.

Discussion of the Challenges Facing Landlords and Tenants in the State of Arkansas [Exhibit E]

Andrea Alford, Executive Director, Arkansas Real Estate Commission; Mark Burrier, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Landlord Association of Arkansas; Martie North, President, Arkansas Coalition of Housing & Neighborhood Growth for Empowerment (ACHANGE); gave an overview on the current Arkansas housing profile and the challenges landlords are currently facing in regard to affordable rental housing.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.