

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson at 3:36 p.m. on January 12, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Jack—excused  
Representative Kasha Kelley—excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Marla Morris, Committee Assistant  
Allen Jeffus, Office Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Carlson welcomed Vice-chairman Kleeb, Ranking Minority Member Nile Dillmore and members of the Committee to the 2011 House Taxation Committee. Office staff Allen Jeffus and Marla Morris were introduced.

Chairman Carlson welcomed staff from the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Office of the Revisor. Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) introduced Michael Wales from KLRD and provided a brief overview of the resources offered through their department. Responsibilities include the writing of Supplemental Notes and assisting the Department of Revenue in the preparation of Fiscal Notes as they pertain to Bills that come out of the Taxation Committee. Mr. Courtwright invited members of the Committee to contact their office for guidance.

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes introduced Scott Wells, also from the Office of the Revisor. Their office provides legal advice and drafting of any legal documents needed for deliberation by Committee members, as well as assistance in the drafting of Bills and Bill Amendments pertaining to the House Taxation Committee.

Chairman Carlson encouraged the Committee to call upon these staff members for assistance, emphasizing that both offices serve in a non-partisan manner.

The Chairman referenced the Committee Packets containing copies of the House Taxation Committee Rules and Conferee Notice (Attachment 1), and a Taxation Committee Member directory (Attachment 2). Committee members were reminded that cell phones should be turned off or silenced during the meetings.

Bill Introductions:

Representative Nile Dillmore moved for introduction of a House Bill concerning tax credits for college tuition. The motion was seconded by Representative Melody McCray-Miller. The motion carried.

John Peterson, on behalf of Hills Pet Nutrition and other companies, requested introduction of a bill that would make three amendments to the High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP). Representative Marvin Kleeb moved introduction of requested bill and Representative Nile Dillmore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Members of the Taxation Committee were invited by the Chairman to introduce themselves and identify their home districts.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.