

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathy Beavers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Doug Gatewood
Representative Melvin Neufeld
Bill Broadie, All American Beef Battalion, Inc
Richard Cram, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions:

Representative Powell made a motion to introduce a committee bill concerning milk and dairy products. Representative Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative King made a motion to introduce an act amending the Kansas Manufactured Housing act. Representative Kleeb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Rardin made a motion to introduce two bills. They are:

1. Kansas Military Relief Act
2. Health transparency act

Representative Menghini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Menghini made a motion to introduce a bill concerning tax shelters. Representative Benlon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Peck made a motion to clarify the language concerning county sales tax authority. Representative Menghini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Goico made a motion to introduce a bill that provides for the exemption of the state, county and residential taxes on the behalf of veterans who have lost the use of their lower extremities or have paralysis of one lateral half of their body resulting from injuries to the brain. Representative Menghini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further bill introductions, the Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2009**.

HB 2009 - Exception to property tax exemption for certain transmission lines and appurtenances.

Scott Wells, Officer of the Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee members on **HB 2009**.

Representative Doug Gatewood testified in favor of **HB 2009** (Attachment 1). He stated that a technical amendment had been suggested by the Department of Revenue to make **HB 2009** consistent to existing law. Representative Gatewood stood for questions.

A letter from Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget, concerning a Fiscal Note for **HB 2009** states that the Department of Revenue does not have information on the valuation of the proposed transmission line. Therefore, they cannot quantify the precise increase in revenues (Attachment 2). Tony Folsom, Kansas

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Department of Revenue (KDOR), stood for questions. He stated information on the company involved was not available because the company is from out of state. At the request of Chairman Carlson, KDOR will provide information to the committee when it is received.

HB 2048 - Sales tax exemption for the All American Beef Battalion, Inc.

Representative Carlson opened the hearing on **HB 2048**.

Chris Courtwright gave a brief overview of **HB 2048**. The fiscal note indicates an estimated decrease of state revenues by \$4,000. Administrative costs for reissuing sales tax publications would be approximately \$26,850 (Attachment 3).

Representative Neufeld introduced Mr. Bill Broadie, All American Beef Battalion, Inc. Mr. Broadie is a Marine Vietnam Veteran and a rancher in Ashland, Kansas. His reason for starting the Battalion was because he did not want the soldiers, deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, to be treated like the Vietnam vets were treated on their return from the Vietnam Conflict.

Mr. Broadie testified in favor of **HB 2048**. He discussed the purpose of All American Beef Battalion, Inc. and referred to an article written in the August 2008 issue of The Progressive Farmer. The article states why and how the Battalion was started. The purpose of the organization is to hold homecoming or deployment feeds for men and women in the armed services and their families. It is a way to show their appreciation to these men and women in uniform. The meals are cooked and served by volunteers. He stood for questions.

Richard Cram, Kansas Department of Revenue, testified in opposition to **HB 2048** (Attachment 4). He stood for questions.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2048**.

Chairman Carlson notified members of the committee that information concerning **HB 2070**, discussed in the February 3, 2009 meeting, was in their packet (Attachment 5). Joshua Burton, Economic Development Representative, Kansas Department of Commerce, provided the information.

A fiscal note on **HB 2070** was provided to the chairman (Attachment 6).

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.