

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Faber- excused  
Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisors of Statutes  
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

TC Anderson, Kansas Society of CPAs  
Chris Morlan, Sedgwick City Appraisers  
Marilyn Nichols, Kansas Registrar of Deeds  
Ann Hull, President of Heartstrings Community Foundation  
Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor  
Joan Wagnon, Secretary of Revenue  
Bon McNeely, President Kansas Automobile Dealer's Association

Others attending:

See Attached List

Chairman Edmonds called the meeting to order requesting any bill introductions.

T.C. Anderson, Kansas Society of CPAs requested the introduction of two bills. The first bill would amend KSA 79-32,101 (a) (1) by increasing from \$200 to \$500 the amount of tax expected to be owed before estimated tax payments would be due the state.

The second bill request would add a provision to 79-32,206, the credit for property tax paid on commercial and industrial machinery and equipment status. This language would read, "*The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the filing of documents that support the amount of credit being claimed in KSA 79-32,206.*"

Hearing no objections, the Chairman accepted these two bills for introduction.

Chairman Edmonds opened the meeting for public hearing on **HB 2559** recognizing Chris Morlan of the Kansas County Appraiser's Association testifying in support. They are requesting that KSA 79-412 be changed to require that the words "*building on leased ground*" appear on the first page of the lease if the lease filed with the Registrar of Deeds indicates that the land and improvement value should not be listed on the assessment roll as a single aggregate.

By including the words "*building on leased ground*" on the first page of the filed lease, less time will be spent by county employees researching leases as well as correcting appraisal records. Less time will be spent by county employees revising assessment rolls and sending new tax bills. (Attachment 1)

Appearing also in support of **HB 2559**, was Marilyn L. Nichols on behalf of the office of Shawnee County Register of Deeds. They also support the change to "*building on leased ground*" appear on the first page of a lease. This would clearly define the intent of the instrument recorded and would greatly assist the taxing entities of the county as well as the proper indexing of the document in that office. (Attachment 2)

Written testimony was submitted by Judy Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director. (Attachment 3)