

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Edmonds at 8:30 a.m. April 5 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Hutchins, excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Kent Glasscock, Speaker of the House

Others attending: See attached list.

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Ed McKechnie to create a port authority. [HCR 5032 - Approving creation of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, Port Authority]

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Ed McKechnie to allow an income tax credit for payments to certain port authorities. [HB 2586 - Income tax credit, retirement of bonds issued by city port authority]

Hearing was opened on:

HCR 6012 - Resolution urging Congressional delegation to support federal tax relief plan of President Bush

Speaker Glasscock presented an Overview of President Bush's Tax Plan (Attachment #1) and responded to questions and comments of members of the Committee.

Written testimony was distributed from Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network (Attachment #2).

The Committee recessed at 9:12 a.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

Representative Osborne presented Subcommittee report on SB 231 - Establish the family development account program and family development account reserve fund and SB 332 - Establishing the individual development account program and individual development account reserve fund, (Attachment #3).

The Subcommittee consisted of Representative Osborne, Chair, Representative Cook and Representative Flora. A balloon amendment on SB 332 providing the program be administered by the University of Kansas through its Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies; changes in the income eligibility and the ratio of match; and clarification that the balance would be a part of the estate upon death of beneficiary. The Institute and the University agree to accept this responsibility at no cost to the state. The Subcommittee noted passage of SB 332 will enable Kansas to access federal funds for assistive technology and unanimously recommends that the amendment be adopted and SB 332 as amended be recommended favorable for passage.

The Committee was unable to resolve questions about SB 231 through the Department of Commerce and Housing. Representative Osborne and Representative Cook recommend that SB 231 be referred to an interim committee to develop further information. Representative Flora did not concur in this deferral.

Chairman Edmonds thanked the Subcommittee for the report and for their excellent work.

The Committee took HCR 6012 under consideration.

Representative Powell moved that HCR 6012 be recommended favorable for passage. Representative Osborne seconded and the motion was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is April 6. [Meeting cancelled.]