

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ted Powers- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- 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:

Jim Gregory, The Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Lucky DeFries, Atty. Coffman, DeFries & Nothern
Chris Wilson, Kansas Agricultural Aviation Assoc.
Lloyd Hetrick, Hetrick Air Service
Larry Baer, Kansas League of Municipalities

Others attending:

See Attached List

Chairman Edmonds opened the meeting asking for the introduction of bills.

Representative O'Malley requested the introduction of a bill that would exclude tax rebates from the selling price of new vehicles for sales tax purposes.

With no objections, that bill was accepted for introduction.

Representative Goering requested a bill that would amend K.S.A. 79-1709 to clarify what clerical errors may be corrected by the county clerk in regards to real property tax appraisals to clarify what clerical errors may be corrected by the county clerk in regards to real property tax appraisals and a bill that would provide for sales tax exemptions for senior assisted living services, meals on wheels and such.

Without objection those two bills were accepted for introduction.

Representative Kassebaum requested the introduction of a bill that would amend homestead property tax refund that basically would not include income derived from veteran's disability.

That bill was accepted for introduction without objection.

With no further bill introductions, Chairman Edmonds opened the meeting for hearings on **HB 2551** recognizing Lucky DeFries an attorney from Coffman, DeFries & Nothern, who appeared on behalf of the Kansas Tax Coalition in support of the bill. It is the belief of the Kansas Tax Coalition that the intent of this legislation is to try and return to where everyone thought we were when the Legislature addressed this issue in 1988 while at the same time providing a small degree of additional flexibility to address certain instances that could be viewed as gray areas (i.e. instances where aircraft owners are provided the opportunity to use their air craft for charitable purposes, etc.) ([Attachment 1](#))

Jim Gregory, representing KCCI (Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry). Mr. Gregory appeared as a proponent of **HB 2551** which would clarify that aircraft based in Kansas, which are predominately used in the conduct of business or industry, are exempt from property taxes. ([Attachment 2](#))

Executive Director of KAAA, (Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association, Chris Wilson testified before the