

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Jim Braden at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 24, 1984 in room 519S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Wagnon, Wunsch, Leach, Ott, and Spaniol who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Wayne Morris, Legislative Research Department  
Tom Severn, Legislative Research Department  
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Nancy Wolff, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Edds, Department of Revenue  
Ron Gaches, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry

A hearing was held on House Bill 3051 which would enact a new section imposing confidentiality requirements on the Department of Revenue in its administration of any excise tax. Under the bill, all information received by the Director of Taxation from applications for licensure or registration or returns or reports would be confidential. The bill would permit the publication of statistics, inspection of returns by the Attorney General and the Post Auditor, and the disclosure of an account to a debt collection agency contracting with the Secretary of Revenue.

Bill Edds, Department of Revenue, testified as a proponent of House Bill 3051.

Ron Gaches, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated, spoke in support of House Bill 3051.

Hearing was then held on House Bill 3063 which would provide that the penalties and interest provided for all excise taxes would be uniformly imposed.

Bill Edds, Department of Revenue, testified as a proponent of House Bill 3063.

The committee then held discussion on House Bill 3031 which would allow distribution of packages of sample cigarettes in the state in quantities of less than twenty. Current law allows only sample packages of five or less to be distributed without having a stamp affixed to the package.

Representative Roe made a motion that House Bill 3031 be reported favorable for passage and Representative Lowther seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee then held discussion on House Bill 3051. Representative Lowther made a motion that House Bill 3051 be reported favorable for passage. Representative Erne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.