

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by _____ Senator Paul "Bud" Burke at _____
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./~~xxx~~ on March 13, 1984 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present: Wayne Morris, Research Dept.
Tom Severn, Research Dept.
Don Hayward, Revisor's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Speaker Mike Hayden
Bruce Beale, Kansas Citizens Advisory Committee on Alcohol and other
Drug Abuse
Gene Johnson, Kansas Community Alcohol Safety Action Project
Coordinators Association

The committee held a hearing on HB 2601 which authorizes counties to levy a tax for special county alcohol and drug abuse programs.

The chairman recognized Speaker Hayden, sponsor, who explained that there are places in the state where private clubs are so few that they can't raise enough money from the drink tax to fund the program at a minimum level. He sponsored this bill at the request of the rural counties in the western part of the state, e.g. Cheyenne County has only one private club and their need exceeds the minimum amount of money generated. The commissioners are concerned about their drug abuse programs and think it is imperative that they at least have the authority to levy this tax. They originally wanted ½ mill which would raise \$12,000 and the House amended the bill so any county could avail themselves to levy not to exceed 1 mill but could only generate up to \$50,000.

The following persons spoke in support of HB 2601:

Bruce Beale said the trend over the last few years has been to move the responsibility for drug programs to local communities and this bill would allow the counties to fund their own programs if they so choose. He suggested an amendment to the bill. (Attachment #1)

Gene Johnson said that many counties have a serious alcohol and drug problem but have limited funds to combat the problem. This legislation would provide local funds for local programs. (Attachment #2)

Fred Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, could not attend the meeting but indicated he is in support of HB 2601. He has received direct requests from some counties in Speaker Hayden's area.

Senator Angell moved and Senator Thiessen seconded a motion to amend HB 2601 on line 64 by striking "of" where it appears the second time and inserting "whose principal purpose is" thereby insuring that only appropriate programs would be eligible for funding. The motion passed.

Senator Hayden moved and Senator Johnston seconded a motion to amend HB 2601 on line 80 by striking "unanimous" and inserting "majority". The motion passed.

Senator Mulich moved and Senator Johnston seconded a motion to report HB 2601 favorable for passage as amended. The motion carried.

The committee considered HB 2782 which authorizes any township which has established an ambulance service to levy not to exceed two mills.

Senator Allen moved and Senator Ehrlich seconded a motion to report HB 2782 favorable for passage. The motion passed.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The committee will meet at 11:00 a.m. on March 14.

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Attachment #1

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Committee on Alcohol and other Drug Abuse

March 12, 1984

Senator Bud Burke
Chairman
Assessment and Taxation Committee
Kansas State Capitol
Topeka, KS 66612

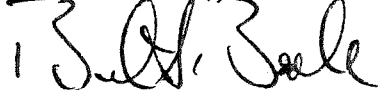
Re: HB 2601

Dear Committee Members,

The Kansas Citizens Advisory Committee on Alcohol and other Drug Abuse strongly supports HB 2601. Due to a lack of insurance coverage, most alcohol and drug treatment programs are funded through public funds such as the "special liquor tax monies." In rural areas these funds are not adequate to support programs. This is especially true of prevention programs. The trend over the last few years has been to move this responsibility to local communities. HB 2601 would allow local counties to fund their own programs if they so choose.

We would suggest that line 64 and 65 be changed to read "whose principle purpose is" alcoholism a drug abuse... This would insure that only appropriate programs would be eligible for funding.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce H. Beale
Chairman

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Testimony on H.B. 2601

Gene Johnson

March 13, 1984

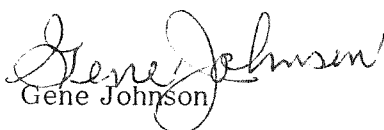
Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Gene Johnson and I represent the Kansas Community Alcohol Safety Action Project Coordinators Association. Our membership consists of 27 organizations serving all of the 31 Judicial Districts in the State of Kansas. We provide the alcohol and drug evaluations on all DWI offenders in the Judicial Districts in Kansas.

We are in support of this proposed legislation from the standpoint that our local government officials would have the option of seeking this mill levy. Many counties have a serious alcohol and drug problem but have a limited amount of funds to combat this problem. This legislation would provide local funds for local programs which would be designed to fit the needs of the local community.

However, we question the language from line 78 through 82 as to the unanimous vote of the county commissioners. It is our feeling that in our democracy the majority rules, rather than the unanimous vote of all commissioners.

We would suggest that on line 80, the word "unanimous" be deleted and the word "majority" be inserted in its place.

Thank you,


Gene Johnson

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