

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS

The meeting was called to order by Representative Robert H. Miller at
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on February 20, 1985 in room 526S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Lynda Hutfles, Secretary
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Russ Mills, Research
Raney Gilliland, Research

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Henry Helgerson
T.C. Anderson, Kansas Certified Public Accountants
Representative R.D. Miller
Bill Edds, Department of Revenue

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller.

Representative Long made a motion, seconded by Representative Roenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the February 18 meeting. The motion carried.

HB2424 - concerning the board of accountancy

Representative Helgerson explained the bill and why it was introduced. Existing state laws setting forth requirements to sit for the CPA examination were written prior to the implementation of the Master of Professional Accountancy Program at Wichita State University and, do not provide for the student who does not receive a baccalaureate degree prior to receipt of the master's degree. See attachment A.

T.C. Anderson, KSCPA, gave testimony in support of the bill with the following amendment: to insert on line 028 "completion of".

Hearings were concluded on HB2424.

HB2064 - concerning driver's licenses; notice of change of address

Representative R.D. Miller explained the bill and his reasons for introducing it. He offered a substitute bill for the committee to consider and told the committee the substitute bill would save the state a considerable amount of money. See attachment B and C.

Bill Eades, Department of Revenue, expressed his concern that there would not be space on the license to put the message required by this bill. He also said that he felt they could not eliminate sending out notices by certified mail because they need this receipt as proof of sending.

Hearings were concluded.

HCR6002- Requesting President and Congress to terminate economic aid to all Communist nations.

Representative Walker made a motion, seconded by Representative VanCrum, to report the resolution unfavorably. The motion carried.

HB2278 - Legislative authority over rules and regulations under filing act

Representative Charlton made a motion, seconded by Representative Long, to report HB2278 favorable for passage. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS,
room 526S, Statehouse, at 1:30 a.m./p.m. on February 20, 1985

The agenda for the week of February 25 was distributed and the Chairman explained the format of the hearings on the liquor bills.

Representative Brady asked that packets be made of the testimony presented on Monday and Tuesday for those who would be gone to Washington.

The meeting was adjourned.

Wichita State University

School of Accountancy

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February 11, 1985

Representative Henry Helgerson
State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Helgerson:

Enclosed you will find the proposed amendment which you discussed with Ralph Estes today. We are requesting this amendment to eliminate problems encountered by students in our Master of Professional Accountancy program. The existing state laws setting forth requirements to sit for the Certified Public Accountant examination were written prior to the implementation of this degree program and, therefore, do not provide for the student who does not receive a baccalaureate degree prior to receipt of the master's degree.

The five-year Master of Professional Accountancy degree was designed and implemented in response to the recommendations of the accounting profession. We have found, however, that many of our students want the certification in hand at the time of their graduation with the master's degree. In a traditional master's program, such a student would have received the baccalaureate before continuing with their graduate work; our degree program does not follow this traditional pattern. Thus, without such an amendment as the one proposed, students are required to wait until the conclusion of their master's program before they can sit for the examination.

We appreciate your willingness to introduce this amendment through the Ways and Means Committee. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Barbara Parrish

Barbara Parrish
Assistant Director

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Attach A.*

STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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February 19, 1985

Pat this bill on 1/25

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Representative Robert H. Miller
Chairman, Federal & State Affairs

FROM: Glenda Sherman, Secretary
Board of Accountancy

RE: H.B. 2424 hearing at 1:30 p.m. February 20, 1985

Having advised your Secretary that I would be attending a seminar tomorrow at the time of the above hearing, this Memorandum is to serve as the Board of Accountancy comments in the matter.

The Board has no strong feelings about the bill. Passage of it will not create any fiscal or work load impact on the agency.

As we understand the reasoning behind this bill it was to allow Wichita State University students enrolled in the new five-year Masters of Accounting program to be able to sit for the CPA examination in May even though they will not receive a Baccalaureate degree at the end of four years, rather will receive both the Baccalaureate and Masters degrees at the end of the fifth year. The introduction of the bill was the first the Board was aware that there was any concern in that area. There is a national trend toward five-year Masters of Accounting programs, but it is for the purpose of requiring such as minimum admission requirements to the examination so that candidates will be better educated and better prepared for taking and passing the exam when they sit. The Kansas Board of Accountancy hasn't felt such necessary for serious consideration so far, but agrees that additional accounting courses are helpful.

While we understand presently WSU is the only university in Kansas approved by the Board of Regents to offer a Masters of Accounting program, we are not sure if it is an optional program there, or the only accounting degree program now offered at WSU. If it is an optional program, changing the law would only be covering a small number of candidates, who otherwise would merely have to wait until they were within 90 days of completing the Masters degree before sitting for the CPA exam. Not all undergraduates sit now the year graduated.

Presently, nationwide, the uniform CPA examination is to the accounting profession what the law and medical schools are to those professions.

c: Board Members

STATE OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
JOHN CARLIN, Governor
ALDEN K. SHIELDS, Director of the Budget
Room 152-E, Capitol Building
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert H. Miller, Chairperson, Committee on Federal and
State Affairs
FROM: Susan K. Schroeder, Division of the Budget *SKS*
DATE: February 19, 1985
SUBJECT: Request of Additional Fiscal Information for House Bill
No. 2064

The Department of Revenue mails approximately 110,000 suspension and revocation notices annually. If these notices were mailed by first class at a cost of between \$.18 to \$.20 per notice, depending upon volume, the cost to the Department of Revenue would be between \$19,800 and \$22,000.

These notices are currently mailed by certified mailing at a rate of \$.62 per letter or approximately \$68,200 annually.

SKS:dh

2/20/85
ATTACH B

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE for HOUSE BILL NO. 2064

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

AN ACT concerning driver's licenses; relating to notice of change of name or address; amending K.S.A. 8-248 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-248 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-248. (a) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a driver's license shall move from the address named in such the application or in the license issued to such person, or when the name of the licensee is changed by marriage or otherwise, such person, within ~~ten-(10)~~ 10 days thereafter, shall notify the division in writing of his-~~er~~-her such person's old and new addresses or of such former and new names and of the number of any driver's license then held by such person.

(b) Each driver's license issued by the division on or after the effective date of this act shall state thereon that the licensee is required to give the division written notice within 10 days after any change of name or address.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-248 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

2/20/85
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