

Approved

Stephen R. Cloud
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen R. Cloud at
Chairperson

9:14 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 4, 1985 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barr - Excused Representative Sutter - Excused

Representative Brown - Excused

Representative Love - Excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor

Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Dept.

Russ Mills - Legislative Research Dept.

Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Susan Seltsam - State Treasurer's Office

Bill Edds - Department of Revenue

The meeting of the Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Representative Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. Minutes of the February 27 meeting were approved. February 28 minutes were distributed. The agenda for the day's meeting was HB 2528, concerning the disposition of unclaimed property.

Susan Seltsam, State Treasurer's office, stated this bill came from a recommendation from the Legislative Division of Post Audit Report and taken up by the Subcommittee on the State Treasurer's office. The bill would address those persons who have in excess of \$25 in unclaimed funds. The names and social security numbers of those persons would be given to the Director of Taxation to be cross-checked with the Revenue Department's computer information for possible further identification. Any additional information found would be given to the Treasurer's office and would be treated as confidential, used only for the disposition of unclaimed property. Ms. Seltsam stated the Treasurer's office supports the bill, but suggested some technical clean-up that was needed.

Bill Edds, General Counsel, Department of Revenue, said he opposes the bill because it jeopardizes the Department's information agreement with the Internal Revenue Service. For all intents and purposes the IRS runs the returns in the State of Kansas. It is not worth the risk of losing what the Department has with the federal government at the present time. He had an opportunity to discuss this bill with the Director of Disclosure officer in Wichita over the weekend and she told him it would breach the agreement they currently have in existence.

There is another possible way of going about what is trying to be accomplished. The Revenue Department can take the information provided by the Treasurer's office and cross-check it with the Department's computer information. Whether or not they locate or contact any of the persons they find will not be related to the Treasurer's office. It will be up to the person contacted to go to the Treasurer's office to collect what is due him. This does not have to be done by statutory procedure.

Discussion followed on what Mr. Edds told the committee.

Representative Ramirez moved that letters be drafted to agency heads requesting them to work out some type of inter-agency agreement. Representative Graeber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The committee took final action on HB 2433, the bill that would put the Grain Inspection Department and the Director under the provisions of the Kansas Sunset Law.

Representative Walker moved to report HB 2433 favorable for passage. Representative Graeber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

After announcing the agenda for Tuesday, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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