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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Assessment and Taxation

The meeting was called to order by Senator Fred A. Kerr at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on April 3, 1987 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Nancy Parrish

Committee staff present:
Tom Severn, Research
Chris Courtwright, Research
Don Hayward, Revisor's Office
Sue Pettet, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Paul Klotz, Assoc. of Community Mental Health Centers of Ks.
Lila Pasley, Associaton for Retarded Citizens

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order and said the agenda for the day was to hear and have possible action on H.B. 2016 and possible action on other bills.

HOUSE BILL 2016

Paul Klotz testified in support of H.B. 2016. He stated that his organization did not request the bill but has agreed to support it. The passage of this bill would allow those counties that have chosen to provide the maximum support for services to those with mental retardation through county mill levy funds to increase their level of commitment. He urged passage of H.B. 2016 as it is currently written.

Lila Pasley testified in support of H.B. 2016. (Attachment 1) She stated that they currently have 1136 mentally retarded persons on a waiting list for community services. The list is continually growing, and the funding available is simply not adequate. The passage of this bill would enable service providers an opportunity to request the increases that are desperately needed.

Yo Bestgen was unable to attend the meeting, but sent testimony supporting H.B. 2016. (Attachment 2)

COMMITTEE ACTION ON H.B. 2016

Senator Hayden made a motion to recommend H.B. 2016 favorably for passage. Senator Salisbury seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON H.B. 2552

Chairman Kerr said the concern regarding this bill is whether or not the person responsible for avoiding the payment of collected taxes would be the one actually assessed in the bill.

Mark Burghart of the Department of Revenue said that he understood the concern but that "excusable neglect" language added to the bill would greatly handicap the Department by turning a good tool into an ineffective measure.

After further discussion on the bill, the committee decided to take no action.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON S.B. 388

Chairman Kerr explained that this was the bill requested by the Board of Regents'. There was committee discussion regarding the fact that these dormitories are rented and paid for by students attending the universities. It would seem unfair to exempt the state universities from this tax when the private schools would receive no exemption.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Assessment and Taxation,
room 519-S, Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m./~~a.m.~~^{p.m.} on April 3, 1987

Senator Hayden said he disagreed with the continuation of the exemption of the sales tax for residential utility bills as outlined in section "x" of current law. He noted that the exemption was enacted at a time (1979) when the state had ample balances and that he favored its removal.

Senator Hayden moved that sections "x" and "y" of current law (lines 269-275 in S.B. 388) be removed. Senator Frey seconded the motion. Tom Severn, Legislative Research, said that removing this exemption would increase the state revenues in excess of \$40 million. Upon a division of the committee, the motion carried.

Senator Burke made a motion to reinsert the stricken language on lines 57 and 58. Senator Frey seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Hayden moved that S.B. 388 be recommended favorably for passage. Senator Frey seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Thiessen made a motion to accept the minutes of April 2, 1987 meeting. Senator Karr seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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TO: Sen. Fred Kerr, Chairman
Members of Senate Taxation Committee

FROM: Lila Paslay, Chairperson
Legislative Affairs

RE: HB 2016

The Association for Retarded Citizens of Kansas support HB 2016 and we urge your support.

We continue to be dismayed at the growing waiting lists for community services for persons with mental retardation. That list is currently at 1136 persons. We continue to be dismayed at the funding available for services. There simply is not enough!

We have always believed that every community in Kansas has a responsibility to participate in the provision of services to all its citizens including those, who through no fault of their own, have mental retardation. The passage of this legislation will allow those counties that have chosen to provide the maximum support for services to those with mental retardation through county mill levy funds, to increase their level of commitment. It will enable service providers an opportunity to request the increases that are sorely needed.

We hope that your committee will vote HB 2016 out of your committee favorably.

Sen. A & T
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Att. 1



Kansas Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

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TO: Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
FROM: Kansas Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
RE: HB 2016, Maximum property tax levy; tax level for mental retardation.
DATE: April 3, 1987

Position:

The Kansas Association of Rehabilitation Facilities supports HB2016 relating to mill levies for mental retardation as amended by the House.

Justification:

- 1.0 This is a permissive law which would allow those counties who desire to further fund MR facilities to do so.
- 2.0 Counties have committed to funding community-based MR facilities and should be allowed to increase that commitment.
- 3.0 County valuation is down and therefore the current funds generated through the levy is reduced. This bill would provide an avenue to allow an increase in local effort.

We ask your support of HB2016.