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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON Taxation

The meeting was called to order by Representative Keith Roe at
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 17, 1990 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Reardon, excused
Representative Pottorff, excused

Committee staff present:
Tom Severn, Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor's Office
Lenore Olson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Barbara Allen
Chris Hahn, Executive Director, Kansas Special Olympics
Dr. Wayne Osness, member of the U.S. Olympic Executive Committee
Craig White, Director, Sunflower State Games
Jan Monte, Special Olympian

Representative Barbara Allen testified in support of HB 2612, stating that she introduced this bill because she believes in the benefits of Kansas Special Olympics. Representative Allen also stated that the Department of Revenue has concluded that passage of this bill will not affect fiscal year 1991 State General Fund Revenues. (Attachment 1)

In response to a Committee question, Representative Allen stated that she would have no problem with keeping a larger percent of funds generated by this bill within Kansas.

In response to a Committee question, Chris Hahn, Executive Director, Kansas Special Olympics, replied that the U.S. Olympics Committee has the copyright to the word "Olympics." In the United States, Junior Olympics and Special Olympics are the only two organizations that have been granted authority by the U.S. Olympic Committee to use the word "Olympics."

Chris Hahn testified in support of HB 2612, stating that the goal of Special Olympics is not to win, but to try; to experience - not conquer. Mr. Hahn briefly reviewed the history of Kansas Special Olympics and Kansas Special Olympics statistical data as of July 1, 1989, and as of January 11, 1990. (Attachment 2)

In response to a Committee question, Mr. Hahn replied that currently their operating budget is \$800,000 at the state level. \$270,000 of that comes from individual contributions and the remainder from corporate support. Mr. Hahn proposes that their share of revenue from this bill go to the local level.

Dr. Wayne Osness, U.S. Olympic Committee member, testified in support of HB 2612, stating that passage of this bill would do three major things:

1. provide Kansans an opportunity to have appropriate sport recreation in Kansas;
2. provide a pipeline for talented Kansas athletes to develop skills and gain entry to amateur sports in the U.S.;
3. provide opportunities for Kansas to look for the meaning of fair play and healthy bodies.

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room 519-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m.~~pm~~ on January 17, 1990.

Dr. Osness stated that the U.S. Olympic Committee feels it is important they be involved to provide technical assistance and structure for U.S. and international competition, and to provide training centers for Special Olympians, whether or not they receive the 20 percent proposed for them in HB 2612.

Craig White, 1990 Sunflower State Games Competition Director, testified in support of HB 2612, stating that this bill would be a tremendous benefit to the future growth of the State Game as it becomes an annual sports festival in the state of Kansas. (Attachment 3)

Jan Monte, Special Olympian, testified in support of HB 2612, stating that Special Olympics makes her feel good, enables her to travel with Special Olympics, and has been a good focal point for her family. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Roe concluded the hearing on HB 2612.

A motion was made by Representative Vancrum, seconded by Representative Snowbarger to adversely report the following House Bills: 2051, 2054, 2126, 2149, 2151, 2157, 2183, 2227, 2287, 2521, 2533, 2558, 2568, 2583, and 2584. The motion carried.

The minutes of January 16, 1990, were approved with the addition of a clarification of a statement by Secretary of Revenue Ed Rolfs on HB 2621, to read "Secretary Rolfs said that if the bill were not passed, the Department would have to utilize an additional 30 man-months of computer programming at a cost of \$900,000 to conform their system to current law."

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



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January 17, 1990

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

I am Barbara Allen. I am before you today on H.B. 2612, which provides for an individual state income tax checkoff for support of the programs and activities of the Kansas Special Olympics, Sunflower State Games Committee and the United States Olympic Committee.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Kansas Special Olympics, I introduced this bill because I believe in the benefits of Kansas Special Olympics, which provides a year-round program of sports training and competition to 6,000 individuals with mental retardation. In addition, the income tax checkoff will provide funds to Kansas' annual state games and to the United States Olympics.

H.B. 2612 allows a taxpayer to donate in addition to his or her tax liability, or to designate from his or her tax refund, \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$__ to be credited to Kansas Special Olympics and other amateur sports programs. The bill provides for the administration and remission of such funds to the State Treasurer by the Department of Revenue. On or before March 15, 1991, and each year thereafter, the Secretary of Revenue will pay all moneys credited to the Special Olympics and Amateur Sports Fund to Kansas Special Olympics, on condition that the moneys be distributed as follows:

- 1) 40% of such moneys shall be remitted to the Sunflower State Games Committee;
- 2) 20% of such moneys shall be remitted to the United States Olympic Committee.

The balance of the moneys will be expended for the support of Special Olympics programs and activities in Kansas. A similar bill was passed by the Iowa Legislature in 1988.

The Department of Revenue has concluded that passage of this bill will not affect fiscal year 1991 State General Fund revenues.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to appear before you today. I will be happy to answer any questions.

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Attachment 1



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FACT SHEET

WHAT: HB 2612

ORGANIZATIONS: Kansas Special Olympics
Sunflower State Games
United States Olympic Committee

PATRONAGE: Kansas Special Olympics - Mentally Retarded Citizenry
Sunflower State Games - Total Citizenry
U.S.O.C. - Upper Echelon Athletes

BENEFICIARIES: Amatuer Athletes of Kansas in all 105 Counties

COST: The passage of this bill requires the infusion of
no state dollars.

UTILIZATION OF

FUNDS: Training Costs
Meals
Transporation
Facility Rental Costs
Uniforms
Equipment
Awards

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KANSAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATISTICAL DATA

	# of Co's	Square Miles	Population Of The Area	JANUARY 4, 1990		
				Athletes On File	School Age	Adult
Area 1	15	14,407	95,200	222	77	145
Area 2	12	9,443	136,300	293	160	133
Area 3	8	5,722	157,300	263	117	146
Area 4	2	627	492,400	812	508	318
Area 5	9	5,976	129,900	552	145	307
Area 6	1	1,007	391,100	957	584	386
Area 7	15	12,834	130,500	304	121	183
Area 8	15	11,880	100,200	228	140	88
Area 9	6	6,183	126,900	394	187	207
Area 10	9	5,276	192,600	656	330	326
Area 11	8	4,057	360,000	681	254	427
Area 12	5	4,371	148,000	464	278	186
				5,826	2,901	2,852

KANSAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATISTICAL DATA

	# of Co's	Square Miles	Athletes On File	School Age	Adult	1% of Pop.	School Age	Adult

Area 1	14	13,500	114	48	66	706	161	545
Area 2	14	9,900	217	110	107	1,583	277	1,306
Area 3	11	7,150	365	166	199	2,535	504	2,031
Area 4	2	625	606	314	292	4,426	1,319	3,107
Area 5	8	7,075	169	88	81	891	197	694
Area 6	1	900	660	525	135	3,671	991	2,686
Area 7	16	17,350	229	79	150	1,430	401	1,029
Area 8	12	13,575	119	110	9	787	299	488
Area 9	6	8,825	274	120	154	1,298	458	840
Area 10	10	5,850	506	238	268	2,006	534	1,472
Area 11	6	3,125	646	186	460	2,831	761	2,070
Area 12	5	3,850	408	197	211	1,478	405	1,073

			4,313	2,181	2,132	23,642	6,307	17,335

July 1, 1989

I am Craig White, the Competition Director for the 1990 Sunflower State Games and one of the people responsible for its organization.

The first area I feel must be discussed is an explanation of the State Games concept in general, and the Sunflower State Games specifically. Today over forty states are conducting statewide amateur sports festivals known as State Games. They are an event modeled after the Olympic Games which provides a motivational goal for all amateur athletes within the state in which they are organized.

Over 350,000 athletes participated in State Games across the nation in 1989. In states near Kansas the numbers were impressive as Nebraska hosted 16,200 athletes; Missouri 11,000; Oklahoma 10,600; and Iowa 10,500. I feel the same growth is possible in Kansas with proper administration and support.

State Games feature the sports of the Olympic and Pan-American Games as well as an occasional local favorite. They attract athletes of a wide variety of ages, backgrounds, and skill levels, bringing out former and future Olympians as well as athletes for whom State Games are a real career highlight.

Many State Games are also playing prominent roles in education, drug awareness programs, scholarship activities, sports medicine, coaching clinics, and much more.

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State Games are an unique statewide event, bringing many diverse elements of a state's population together to celebrate one common bond; amateur sport.

The Sunflower State Games (see attached)

The Sunflower State Games are an excellent opportunity to improve the quality of life in Kansas as well as building state unity and pride. The majority of funding for the \$200,000 State Games budget is currently scheduled to be produced by entry fees and corporate sponsorships. House Bill 2612 would be a tremendous benefit to the future growth of the State Game as it becomes an annual sports festival in the state of Kansas.

SUNFLOWER STATE GAMES

PHILOSOPHY & GOALS

The Sunflower State Games are an annual Olympic-styled sports event for Kansas amateur athletes. The inaugural year of this event is 1990. The Games are jointly sponsored by the Governor's Council on Fitness, Department of Health and Environment, and SUNFLOWER STATE GAMES INC. The Games provide a wholesome forum for these athletes to compete within their sport/activity and obtain deserved recognition. The games are an incentive for Kansans of all ages and skill levels to develop their physical talent and competitive abilities.

"the important thing ...is not the winning, but taking part." (The Olympic Code)

The goals of the SUNFLOWER STATE GAMES are to:

- + Inspire Kansans of every age and skill level to develop their physical and competitive abilities by providing state wide athletic competition.
- + Encourage all Kansans to participate in physical fitness activities as a means of improving health.
- + Promote an atmosphere of cooperation in amateur athletics for participants, volunteers and sports enthusiasts throughout Kansas.
- + Create private as well as public sector support for physical fitness and amateur athletics.

Good Morning! Dear ^{Tax} Committee
Members - thank you for inviting
me here today. I would like
to talk to you about Special
Olympics and what it has
meant to me and my family.



Special Olympics is year
round training and competition
in 22 sports. Anyone that
has mental retardation and
is 8 years and older can
be in Special Olympics at
no charge. The program

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is worldwide. 😊

Some of my favorite sports are volleyball, basketball, gymnastics and bowling. I have won a lot of medals, ribbons, and trophies. These are some of my medals and one of my trophies. 😊

Special Olympics makes me feel very good. I also feel that I belong when I participate in Special Olympics. I also enjoy meeting famous sports people. I also have

been able to do alot of traveling with Special Olympics. I have been to Hays, Wichita, and Topeka.

My family has also* enjoyed working with me in Special Olympics. They make me feel very important by volunteering and helping me with Special Olympics. One of my favorite sports is basketball. My brother Jon has refereed in basketball because he is proud of me. 😊

My brother Jim and sister Julie have helped me with bowling. My sister Jill has given me pointers to be a better volleyball player. My parents have worked as volunteers for Special Olympics. We all enjoy meeting the different families. 😊

I hope that your Committee will help Special Olympics so that more people can JOIN THE World of Winners!