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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR AUGUST "GUS" BOGINA at
Chairperson

11:17 a.m./p.m. on MARCH 23, 19 90 room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Johnston and Feleciano, who were excused

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Diane Duffy, Leah Robinson
Revisor: Norm Furse, Gordon Self
Committee Staff: Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant
Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Paul Fleener, Kansas Farm Bureau
John Torbert, Kansas Association of Counties
Gerry Ray, Johnson County
Willie Martin, Sedgwick County

HB 2638 - Appropriations for FY 91, for KPERs, Public Disclosure Commission, Civil Rights Commission, Corporation Commission, Department of Administration and Finance Council

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

Senator Rock reviewed the FY 90 and FY 91 subcommittee report, Attachment 1. Staff told the Committee that the Governor recommended a total of \$333,000 for CURB. It was noted that item 2 of the FY 91 House recommendations was indirectly deleted by items 3 and 4 of the FY 91 Senate recommendations.

Senator Salisbury expressed concern regarding the creation of a new bureaucracy with the enactment of the CURB program. In answer to a question, it was stated that approximately \$21 million was saved by the attorney. It was not known if that was a true reduction in effective rates. Senator Kerr moved, Senator Doyen seconded that the FY 91 Senate subcommittee report be amended by deleting Item 3. The motion carried. Senator Rock stated that he feels the function of the attorney is a good policy for the state.

SB 763 - Extending for one year transfers from the state gaming revenue fund to the county reappraisal fund.

Chairman Bogina noted that Ways and Means had already appropriated \$4 million for the state's share of reappraisal. He suggested that the Committee consider designating the \$4 million in lieu of the percentage in the bill.

Mr. Paul Fleener spoke in support of SB 763, and reviewed Attachment 2. He suggested that the Committee consider adding the words "annual maintenance" after the word "the" on line 19 of the bill.

Chairman Bogina stated that in spite of state mandated reappraisal, he felt counties have the obligation of maintaining the current value of property, which has not been done. Senator Gaines noted his concern regarding the continuing obligation of the state. He stated that additional staff hired for the purpose of reappraisal are still employed by some counties.

John Torbert reviewed Attachment 3, urging the Committee to continue the funding partnership. In answer to a question, Mr. Torbert stated that estimates of the annual maintenance costs for reappraisal from the Property Valuation Department are between \$10 and \$11 million. Senator Winter questioned whether state maintenance responsibilities would be extended to other parts of county government, noting that the state has spent \$35 million to bring reappraisal up to date. In answer to the statement that

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deterioration of the system was due to county negligence, Mr. Torbert stated that counties were denied the opportunity to update reappraisal by the courts because it was not a statewide system. He stated that the question of who pays for the costs associated with maintenance of reappraisal is clearly a policy decision. It was stated that continuation of the transfer of moneys at the 30% rate would generate approximately \$7 million for the county reappraisal fund. As of June 30, 1990 there would be a balance of \$3.9 million in that fund. In answer to a question, Mr. Torbert stated that it is the function of the PVD to document that county expenses which are reimbursed by the state are dedicated solely to reappraisal and its maintenance. He said that money is allocated on a per parcel basis.

The Chairman recessed the meeting until the conclusion of session.

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 P.M. to continue the hearing on SB 763.

Gerry Ray appeared before the Committee in support of the bill, and reviewed Attachment 4. When asked what amount would be appropriate for reappraisal, Ms. Ray stated that Johnson County Board of Commissioners was happy with the \$4 million, but that amount was not holding up in the House.

Attachment 5 was reviewed by Willie Martin, who was supportive of SB 763.

Seeing that there were no additional questions, the Chairman closed the hearing on SB 763, and adjourned the meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Kansas Corporation
Commission

Bill No. 2729

Bill Sec. 22

Analyst: Rothe

Analysis Pg. No. 497

Budget Pg. No. 128

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 90</u>	<u>Governor's Rec. FY 90</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
All Special Revenue Funds:			
State Operations	\$ 10,553,104	\$ 10,411,309	\$ --
Other Assistance	<u>2,838,362</u>	<u>2,838,362</u>	<u>--</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,391,466</u>	<u>\$ 13,249,671</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
 FTE Positions	 235.0	 235.0	 --

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

For FY 1990, the Commission's expenditure estimate of \$13,391,466 is unchanged from the amount approved by the 1989 Legislature. The estimate includes \$12,720,333 from special revenue funds and \$671,133 from federal funds. The estimate includes \$252,967 for Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) expenditures.

The Governor's FY 1990 recommendation of \$13,249,671 is a reduction of \$141,795 from the Commission's estimate. Recommended reductions include \$92,437 from salaries due mostly to health insurance and shrinkage rate adjustments, and \$49,358 from contractual services and commodities.

House Subcommittee Recommendation

FY 1990. The House Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation.

House Committee Recommendation

The House Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Subcommittee.

House Committee of the Whole Recommendation

The House concurs with the recommendation of the Committee.

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Attachment 1*

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>House Adjustments</u>	<u>House Rec. FY 90</u>	<u>Senate Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
All Special Revenue Funds:			
State Operations	\$ --	\$ 10,411,309	\$ 193,450
Other Assistance	--	2,838,362	--
Total	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 13,249,671</u>	<u>\$ 193,450</u>
FTE Positions	--	235.0	--

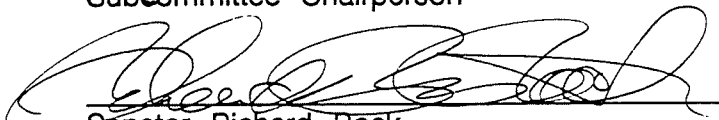
Senate Subcommittee Recommendation

FY 1990. The Senate Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the House with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$189,450 from special revenue funds for costs associated with moving to a new headquarters building in west Topeka. In addition the Subcommittee recommends that a proviso be added to provide the flexibility to expend the funds in either FY 1990 or FY 1991. The Governor had withheld a recommendation on moving costs pending updated information. The agency has identified costs of \$189,450 for its June 1, 1990 move based upon actual costs from recent moves made by other agencies. The costs include \$50,750 for a combination of vendor hauling and in-house tear down and set up costs, \$9,850 to move computers and copiers which are under maintenance contracts, \$74,000 for the relocation of 185 telecommunication lines, \$44,850 for the installation of telecommunication equipment, and \$10,000 for contingencies. The Subcommittee recommends the addition of funds in the supplemental bill rather than in the Omnibus Bill because vendors making bids need to be assured of an appropriation as soon as possible. Lower moving costs might be achieved by utilizing KCC employees rather than vendors, but any savings would be offset by the loss of work output by employees for five to ten days, and the likely increase in worker's compensation costs.
2. Add \$4,000 for CURB travel and subsistence for a total of \$12,500. The Subcommittee notes that travel expenditures through February were \$8,596.



 Senator Joseph Harder
 Subcommittee Chairperson



 Senator Richard Rock

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Kansas Corporation
Commission

Bill No. 2638

Bill Sec. 5

Analyst: Rothe

Analysis Pg. No. 497

Budget Pg. No. 128

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 91</u>	<u>Governor's Rec. FY 91</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
All Special Revenue Funds			
State Operations	\$ 11,840,999	\$ 10,785,026	\$ 17,781
Other Assistance	<u>2,798,523</u>	<u>2,798,523</u>	--
Total	<u>\$ 14,639,522</u>	<u>\$ 13,583,549</u>	<u>\$ 17,781</u>
FTE Positions	239.5	238.0	(1.0)

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

For FY 1991, the Commission requests expenditures of \$14,639,522, an increase of \$1,248,056 above the current year estimate. The request would finance 239.5 FTE positions, an increase of 4.5 FTE positions. New positions include 2.0 natural gas pipeline inspectors, 1.0 attorney, 1.0 secretary, and a 0.5 law clerk. The FY 1991 request includes \$472,894 and 4.5 FTE positions for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB), an increase of \$219,927 and 3.0 FTE positions above the amount approved for FY 1990 (\$252,967).

The Governor's FY 1991 recommendation of \$13,583,549 is a reduction of \$1,055,973 from the Commission's request. The Governor recommends 2.0 FTE new natural gas pipeline inspectors, 1.0 FTE new attorney for CURB, and \$120,294 for a 1.5 percent general salary increase. Recommended reductions include \$502,904 from capital outlay, \$5,467 from commodities, \$346,665 from contractual services, and the requested new secretary and half-time law clerk. The recommendation includes \$333,589 and 3.5 FTE positions for CURB, a reduction of \$139,305. The Governor does not recommend the addition of a 0.5 FTE secretary or a 0.5 FTE law clerk.

House Subcommittee Recommendations

FY 1990. The House Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation.

FY 1991. The House Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments:

1. Delete 1.0 FTE new Attorney recommended by the Governor for the CURB program and \$41,319 from the Public Service Regulation Fund. The Subcommittee recommends financing for 2.5 FTE CURB positions, including 1.0 Consumer Counsel, 1.0 Volunteer Services Coordinator (to be transferred from the KCC), and a half-time Secretary.

2. Add a proviso to the Commission's FY 1991 appropriation bill (H.B. 2638) limiting CURB expenditures and FTE positions to \$292,270 and 2.5 FTE, respectively.
3. Add \$23,000 from the federal Underground Injection Control Fund for the third year of a five-year installment purchase of an IBM AS 400 minicomputer and microcomputer network in the Conservation Division.
4. Add \$46,100 for the first of a five-year installment purchase of new photocopy equipment (expenditures in the second through fifth year would be \$25,000 each for a total five-year cost of \$146,100). During the 1989 Session, the House Subcommittee urged the Commission to pursue the purchase of reprographic equipment to achieve savings over the existing leasing arrangement. Estimated FY 1991 leasing costs would have totaled \$38,700.
5. Delete \$10,000 from contracted attorney fees in the Administrative Services Division. The Subcommittee recommends total attorney fees of \$40,000 for Washington, D.C. counsel. The recommendation would permit closer monitoring of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings to evaluate their impact on Kansas ratepayers and the Kansas oil and gas industry.
6. The Subcommittee recommends that the Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations send a letter to the Chairperson of the Kansas Corporation Commission requesting that \$100,000 be transferred from the non-Warner account of the oil overcharge fund to the Mennonite Housing Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (MHRS) for weatherization of homes. Similar transfers were made in FY 1988 (\$144,600) and FY 1989 (\$106,300) to leverage other MHRS funding from the Farmers Home Administration, a Community Development Block Grant, Title III-B of the Older Americans Act, and private donations. MHRS has utilized previous financing from the oil overcharge fund to weatherize 289 homes in Sedgwick, Harvey, and Butler counties.
7. Amend the Commission's FY 1991 appropriation bill (H.B. 2638) to provide one salary and wage limitation rather than three on the Public Service Regulation Fund, the Motor Carrier License Fees Fund, and the Conservation Fee Fund.

House Committee Recommendation

The House Committee concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation.

House Committee of the Whole Recommendation

The House concurs with the Committee recommendation with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$208,998 from Geographic Information System (GIS) expenditures. The reduction includes \$165,995 from the Public Service Regulation Fund and \$43,003 from the Conservation Fee Fund.

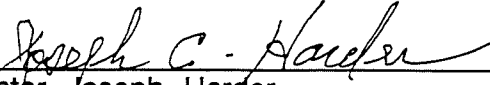
<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>House Adjustments</u>	<u>House Rec. FY 91</u>	<u>Senate Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
All Special Revenue Funds:			
State Operations	\$ (191,217)	\$ 10,593,809	\$ 106,645
Other Assistance	--	2,798,523	--
TOTAL	<u>\$ (191,217)</u>	<u>\$ 13,392,332</u>	<u>\$ 106,645</u>
FTE Positions	(1.0)	237.0	1.5

Senate Subcommittee Recommendations

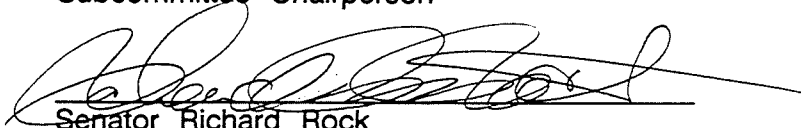
FY 1991. The Senate Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the House with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$10,000 for contracted attorney fees in the Administrative Services Division. The Subcommittee recommends total attorney fees of \$50,000 for Washington, D.C. counsel. With critical decisions on natural gas pricing and abandonment of bus routes pending, the Subcommittee believes that Kansas ratepayers must be well-represented in Washington, D.C.
2. Restore \$40,000 to continue the development of the Conservation Division's data base. Rather than being a part of the \$208,995 GIS initiative (deleted by the House), the \$40,000 expenditure is part of an ongoing Conservation Division water data base project. The KCC has been informed that The U.S. Department of Energy and the American Petroleum Institute have agreed to spend \$130,000 for a consultant to design and implement a comprehensive data base for use with the Conservation Division's AS400 IBM minicomputer. Under the terms of the grant, however, KCC must furnish the data base software. The data base will quickly provide KCC and other state agencies with the location of wells and whether they are abandoned, the location of water and the level of water strata.
3. Restore \$41,319 from the Public Service Regulation Fund for 1.0 FTE new Attorney recommended by the Governor for the CURB program. CURB estimates the cost of the second attorney as the equivalent of \$.05 per household per year in utility costs.
4. Add \$11,326 to increase a 0.5 FTE Secretary to full-time status for the CURB program. Currently, a secretary is the receptionist for both the KCC and CURB. When the agencies move to a new building in June, the reception areas for each agency will be on different floors. In addition, a second CURB attorney will double the clerical workload.
5. Add \$4,000 for CURB travel and subsistence. The Governor reduced the agency's request to \$8,500 for both fiscal years 1990 and 1991. Expenditures through February, 1990, for travel totaled \$8,596.

6. Create a no-limit Gifts and Donations Fund to enable CURB to utilize a recent unsolicited donation of \$1,005 as well as any future gift.



Senator Joseph Harder
Subcommittee Chairperson



Senator Richard Rock



PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**RE: S.B. 763 - State gaming revenues to assist county
reappraisal funding**

March 23, 1990
Topeka, Kansas

Presented by:
Paul E. Fleener, Director
Public Affairs Division
Kansas Farm Bureau

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul E. Fleener. I am the Director of Public Affairs for Kansas Farm Bureau. We want to thank you very much for the opportunity to make some brief comments in support of S.B. 763, a measure which would extend the time for a transfer of 30 percent of state gaming revenues to the county reappraisal fund.

Statewide reappraisal was mandated by the passage in 1985 of S.B. 164. The massive job of reappraisal was to be completed in three and a half years beginning July 1, 1985. The generally understood commitment, and we believe legislative intent at the time of mandating reappraisal, was for the state to pay half the cost of reappraisal. The estimate of that cost escalated annually and may have approximated \$85 million when the reappraisal was completed.

You have provided, through state gaming revenues and general fund appropriations for payments to the counties to assist in reappraisal. A portion of those funds have come from the county reappraisal fund created in K.S.A. 79-4802. It is our

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Attachment 2*

understanding those payments in recent years were \$2.6 million in FY88 ... \$6.5 million in FY89 ... and \$7.7 million in FY90. Without your favorable action on S.B. 763 the state gaming revenues portion of reappraisal assistance for the counties would come to an end on June 30 of this year. The bill proposes to continue that source of funding to June 30, 1991. We support that. In fact, we would suggest you advance that to FY95 so that at least the complete cycle of annual maintenance appraisals could have been completed and this source of revenue would continue to assist the counties in the reappraisal update required by law.

Our support for this measure comes from language in two of our policy positions. The full policies ... on **Property Classification and Reappraisal**, and on **School Finance** ... you will find attached to our testimony. I want to share a paragraph from each of those for your consideration as you look at this bill. Our Property Classification resolution includes this language:

The reappraisal statutes require annual updating of the appraisal and valuation of taxable property. The cost associated with this annual updating should not be borne entirely by the counties. We suggest that 50 percent of this additional expense be paid by the state.

In our School Finance policy there is language which speaks to the kind of thing the state-mandated reappraisal has brought about. That is to say, a program is required by the state but only partially funded by the state. In School Finance and in far too much of general government there are mandates not followed by monies. In our School Finance policy there is this language:

We believe that federally and state-mandated programs should be fully funded by the federal or state government, whichever mandates a given program.

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to share our views. We would appreciate your support for extending the life of the gaming revenues to assist counties in the reappraisal maintenance program required - **MANDATED** - by the Kansas Legislature.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions.

Property Classification and Reappraisal

The Kansas Legislature in 1985 adopted, by the required two-thirds majority, and voters in Kansas approved by an overwhelming majority, a proposal to amend the Finance and Taxation Article (Art. II) of the Kansas Constitution to provide limited classification of real and personal property for assessment and taxation purposes. The proposed amendment was designed to ensure against an unfair shift of status quo taxes, and was intended to provide for equitable taxation within and among the various classes of property.

The anticipated equity did not occur, largely because appropriate appraisal procedures in existing law were not used. In many cases undocumented and unsubstantiated county index and depreciation schedules used in valuation were allowed by the Property Valuation Department (PVD), without regard for the inequities that this procedure would cause between counties. Quality control of each county's appraisal procedures should be required.

The appraisal process should be the focus of legislative directives. In order to achieve a valid state appraisal, the indexes used by counties in Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) should be uniform statewide, with allowance for any slight deviations. Further, the depreciation schedules should also be uniform county-to-county within acceptable deviations.

Appeals, tax payment under protest and new valuation notices under the annual maintenance reappraisal which do use all appropriate factors in K.S.A. 79-503a, will also help bring about equity.

The classification amendment should NOT be resubmitted. The constitutional provisions should remain intact and the appraisal process should be the focus of legislation and directives to the PVD, county appraisers and firms contracted to conduct appraisals.

County Boards of Equalization should be given the right to protest to the Board of Tax Appeals on behalf of their counties any valuation of state assessed property.

We urge Farm Bureau members in all counties to work with their county appraiser to determine the fairness and equity of their appraisal with the county and between counties.

Reappraisal legislation and the classification amendment to the Kansas Constitution have provided for appraisal of agricultural land on the basis of its income-producing capability. The legislation set forth an equitable procedure for determination of net income and an appropriate capitalization rate for agricultural land. These factors and procedures must be retained to assure equity and stability in valuation of agricultural land.

The reappraisal statutes require annual updating of the appraisal and valuation of taxable property. The cost associated with this annual updating should not be borne entirely by the counties. We suggest that 50 percent of this additional expense be paid by the state.

School Finance

We believe the Kansas Legislature should develop a school finance formula to assist in the delivery of and funding for a "basic education" for every child enrolled in public schools in each unified school district in the state.

We continue to believe that there should be minimal reliance on the property tax for support of our elementary and secondary schools. As long as property is used as a measure of wealth, then intangible property should be a part of such measurement of wealth.

We support legislation to create a school district income tax to be collected by the state from every resident individual and returned by the state to the school district of residence of the individual taxpayer.

We will oppose the application or use of a local income or earnings tax by any other local unit of government.

We support legislation to place increased reliance on the state sales tax for financing elementary and secondary education in order to reduce reliance on property taxes now levied for school finance.

State General Fund revenues should be enhanced for school finance purposes by increasing the rates of income and privilege taxes imposed on corporations, financial institutions, insurance companies, and non-resident individuals.

We believe that federally and state-mandated programs should be fully funded by the federal or state government, whichever mandates a given program.

We have opposed in the past, and we continue to oppose efforts to establish a statewide property tax levy.



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John T. Torbert

March 23, 1990

TESTIMONY

To: Senate Ways and Means Committee

**From: John T. Torbert
Executive Director**

Subject: SB 763 (Funding Source for Reappraisal)

The Kansas Association of Counties supports SB 763. The number one legislative priority of the association is as follows:

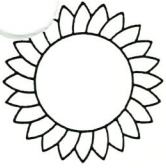
When the reappraisal system was being put in place, the state and the counties shared the cost on a 50/50 basis. Last year, that formula was extended to also cover maintenance costs when the state agreed to appropriate \$5.5 million to cover one-half of these costs. This funding partnership has served the taxpayers of Kansas well and should be maintained. Without state financial participation, the end result would be a state mandated and managed system that was funded from property taxes. Although the cost of maintenance is high, it is far less expensive to appropriate the necessary dollars now than it would be to let the system deteriorate and then have to rebuild it. The state should keep the funding partnership in place and appropriate the amount necessary to fund at least one-half the cost of maintaining the reappraisal system.

This legislation simply keeps the process in place of transferring 30% of the moneys credited to the state gaming revenues fund to the county reappraisal fund for one more year. It maintains the funding partnership and does provide state financial assistance for an unfunded mandate.

We urge your support for this legislation.

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Attachment 3*



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SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL 763

TESTIMONY OF GERRY RAY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATOR
JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Gerry Ray, representing the Johnson County Board of Commissioners.

Johnson County supports Senate Bill 763 because it retains a dedicated source of state funding for reappraisal maintenance outside of the general fund. Many seem to feel that the reappraisal project has been completed, however it must be viewed as an ongoing process that cannot be discontinued or put on hold for even one year. A great deal of money and effort has gone into obtaining accurate values, it is now of paramount importance that fine tuning take place. Adjustments must be made to attain the equity that is necessary to a good tax system.

In Johnson County a total of \$2,212,456 was expended in 1989 for the reappraisal process. Of that amount we received \$703,870 in funding from the state. In 1990 the budget for the Appraisers Office is \$3,965,000. Because reappraisal maintenance is integrated into the overall budget for that office it is difficult to break out that individual cost.

Although we are dedicated to maintaining updated property values it is very important that we receive some assistance for the state to do the job properly. We urge you to help us continue to move forward on this important project and insure that we will not risk returning to the situation that caused some of the dilemma in which we now find ourselves. We ask you to vote for passage of Senate Bill 763.

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Attachment 4



SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATOR

WILLIE MARTIN

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TO: SENATE WAYS AND MEANS
SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 763 - COUNTY REAPPRAISAL FUND
FROM: WILLIE MARTIN
DATE: MARCH 30, 1990

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee I am Willie Martin, representing the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 763.

Sedgwick County supports the one year extension of transfers from the state gaming revenue fund to the county reappraisal fund.

On January 1, 1989 assessed values resulting from a three and one-half year reappraisal effort became effective. Three major changes occurred (reappraisal, classification and exemption of large classes of business personal property) in a property tax system that had seen no major change for over two decades. There are those who take the position that state support for reappraisal maintenance is not necessary if counties are not proceeding with the valuation of 25% of parcels as specifically set forth in reappraisal legislation. We respectfully suggest that the process of refining reappraisal, maintenance if you will, is necessary. The review of parcel valuations, whether due to appeals or concern about specific properties within a certain class or area of the county, is still a necessary part of the reappraisal process.

State-wide reappraisal was a massive but justified undertaking. We do not believe that state or local officials expected such a complex process to be completed with perfection. It is not unreasonable, nor should it be surprising, that review, evaluation and adjustments to this process are necessary. The State of Kansas and local government have made a large investment in reappraisal. Sedgwick County reaffirms its commitment to cooperative and supportive interaction with the State of Kansas to make state-wide reappraisal an equitable, ongoing, and successful endeavor.

We respectfully request that your Committee give favorable recommendation to Senate Bill 763.

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Attachment 5