

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Flora, excused
Rep. Mays, excused
Rep. T. Powell, excused
Rep. Powers, excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Huff
Don Dixon, President, Parkinson's Disease Association

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. for bill introductions.

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced to create a state tax credit on certified historic structures rehabilitated. as requested by Ross Freeman, President, Pioneer Group, Inc. [HB 2128 - Income tax credit for historic preservation project expenditures]

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced to exempt sales tax paid on manufacturers' rebate on automobiles as requested by Representative Gatewood. [HB 2089 - Sales tax treatment of automobile manufacturer rebates]

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced to forgive back taxes on automobiles donated to a 501(c)(3) organization as requested by Representative Wilson. [HB 2090 - Motor vehicle tax canceled where donation of vehicle made to nonprofit organization]

Hearing was opened on

HB 2029, Parkinson's Disease Association sales tax exemption.

Representative Huff introduced Don Dixon, President of the Parkinson's Disease Association of Greater Kansas City. Mr. Dixon addressed the committee as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 1). The Association, which provides support services to those with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers, has approximately 1,000 paying members. All revenues received are charitable donations. The Association provided approximately \$90,000 in FY 1999-2000 to The Kansas University Medical Center, designated a Center of Excellence by the Parkinson's Foundation.

Representative Huff addressed the Committee in support of **HB 2029**, listing similar charitable organizations which are tax exempt (Attachment #2). He called attention to the Fiscal Note estimating that **HB 2029** would decrease state revenues by a negligible amount and that administrative costs to the Department of Revenue for revision of forms and notice to retailers would be approximately \$700.

Hearing on HB 2029 was closed.

Consideration was opened on **HB 2029 Parkinson's Disease Association sales tax exemption.**

Representative Huff moved that Committee recommend **HB 2029** favorable for passage. Representative Newton seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. Next scheduled meeting is January 23.

GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
CHRISTY DAVIS	KANSAS ST. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Richard Crum	KDOR
Ross Freeman	Pioneer Group
Don Dwyer	Parkinson
Dore Huff	" "
✓ John Wickert	ALMAE
David Haury	Historical Society
Rick Keady	Pioneer Group
George Peterson	Ks Taxpayers Network
Kelly Kuitala	City of Overland Park
Marlee Carpenter	KCCI
✓ Andrew Gauss	FARLP
✓ Doug Cramer	FirstBank

Thank you Chairman Edmonds and members of the Tax Committee.

The Parkinson Association of Greater Kansas City is located at 7808 Foster in downtown Overland Park, Kansas. With approximately 1000 dues paying members, the mission of the PAGKC is to fund research and provide support services to both those with Parkinson's and their Caregivers.

Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system. At the present time there isn't any known cure for the disease but progress is being made. The KU Med. Center located in Kansas City, Kansas has been designated a Center of Excellence by the National Parkinson's Foundation. As a Center of Excellence the Med. Center performs research which someday will lead to a cure for Parkinson's

For fiscal year 1999/2000 the PAGKC donated approximately \$90,000 to the Med. Center for research. Being a 501C-3 not-for-profit corporation all revenues received by the PAGKC are from charitable donations. The PAGKC is currently exempt from sales tax for purchases made on the Missouri side of the state line and we respectively request the same treatment for purchases made in our home state of Kansas

Thank you.

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The Parkinson foundation has only one goal, to eradicate this family crippling disease. Their sole existence is for the purpose of raising research money to be used at K. U. Medical Center and to try to improve the quality of life and education for those who are inflicted with this terrible disease. The families of these people who see their loved ones suffer from Parkinsons, will also benefit.

House bill 2029 will amend our current law and exempt this charitable organization a 501c-3 , from Kansas sales taxes. Currently this statute allows exemptions for the following organizations : The American Heart Assoc., The American Diabetes Assoc., The American Lung Assoc., The Kansas Chapter of Alzheimers and Related disorders, The Kansas Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and the Kansas Mental Illness Awareness Council.

In researching this bill I was amazed that the Parkinson Foundation was not among the above group of tax exempt organizations. Today we have the opportunity for the state of Kansas to come to the aid of this outstanding Charitable organization.

Rep. David Huff

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community care

by chris debricka

FAMILIES FIGHTING TOGETHER AGAINST A POWERFUL DISEASE



Parkinsonians with Governor Bill Graves, as he proclaims April Kansas Parkinson Month.

Parkinson Disease (PD), afflicting about 1.2 million people in the United States and Canada, is a slowly progressive motor disorder, which when fully developed, affects multiple regions of the nervous system.

It also affects other systems, like families. The Parkinson Association of Greater Kansas City has seen that effect, first hand. Its most recent past president, Dean Floyd, was brought to the association because his wife has the disease. The Executive Director, Meg Duggan, has a sister, Cindy Worthy, who was diagnosed with the disease at age 40, although most Parkinson patients first see the disease in their 60s. Their father, Bob Hayes, helps out in the grant writing department; their mother, Jo, chairs the umbrella fundraising committee. The current president, Don Dixon, notes that the other officers and board members have all encountered the disease in one way or another — and he has the disease himself.

Cindy Worthy says that kind of involvement is not really too great a surprise. "Because it's largely an adult disease, people are drawn to help mostly because they have, in one way or another, seen its effects." Over 1.2 million people suffer from Parkinson's with 10% of its victims being 40 years old or younger. It progresses from diagnosis to major disability over 10 — 20 years, with

symptoms beginning with tremors and ending often with dementia and inability to function physically.

The organization began nearly 20 years ago when a group of some 30 isolated and confused Parkinsonians came to a meeting started by the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City. From that modest beginning, the association has grown to serve more than 1,000 people and their families in the Kansas City area, all of Kansas, and the western counties of Missouri. Their mission statement's first goal is to help fund research for the disease and related disorders and in 1999, they were able to donate about \$100,000 to Parkinson research.

The Parkinson Association of Greater Kansas City has embarked upon an ambitious growth program this year. They want to reach over 50% of Kansas City area Parkinsonians this year, compared to the 17% they presently serve. They want to add 15 support groups serving minority people with Parkinson's. They want to improve service delivery and improve the effective of communications with all people who have Parkinson Disease.

To do all this, they have lofty fundraising plans. Events constitute 60% of their total income, relying on friends, neighbors, and people who know someone who knows someone with the disease. In March, The Basketball,

a gala event themed around the NCAA tournament will occur. In April two entertainments as well as a symposium: A Concert of Hope in Lee's Summit which will feature skits, singing, dancing and musical entertainment and An Appraisal Affair at the Carriage Club where antique appraisers will evaluate items as attendees sip and dine. In May, the Race to Planet Cure, a 5K run and walk in downtown Overland Park, takes place as well as a vintage car show. The Town Art Show occurs in June.

It's a phenomenal schedule and could only occur, says Meg Duggan, because of their dedicated volunteers. She points out, "Our entire spring program revolves around families helping each other," for the chair persons and hosts all have intimate connections to the disease. "We are amazed by the number of people who are touched by PD — and how willing these people are to help."

Parkinson's is a disease without a cure, so far. The Association not only wants to help find that cure, it wants to improve the quality of life and education for those who have that disease, and those who see their loved ones suffer from it. Their families, the volunteers' efforts, the attendees at their events, all will help in 2001.

Want to help or like to know more? Call Meg Duggan at 913.341.3828 or e-Mail her at PAGKC@aol.com **■**

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