

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lana Gordon- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisors of Statutes
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Beck, Director of Property Valuation
Laura Johnson, Attorney Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Edmonds recognized Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagon for a bill introduction. Secretary Wagon explained that the Department of Revenue in following the amnesty program, is making a large effort to try to shore up the tax collection processes and make sure they have the tools they need to collect on outstanding debts and make sure that people don't become delinquent.

The Department of Revenues are submitting three proposals which are to:

1. (Expand Tax Information Disclosure) Enable the department to share taxpayer information relevant to pending legislative proposals with the Governor, Commerce and state legislators.
2. (Enhance Enforcement) Provide that state agencies issuing professional licenses shall regularly share their licensee lists with the department of revenue, and shall not renew a professional license if the licensee has delinquent tax liability owed to the state.
3. (Enhance Administrative Efficiency) Amend the motor fuel tax refund statute, K.S.A. 79-3458 (2) to delete certain obsolete language and provide that claims for refund of fuel taxes must be supported by original or electronic automated invoices that have been approved by the Director of Taxation. (Attachment 1)

Chairman accepted all of the proposals submitted by the Department of Revenue, however, he recommended that Richard Cram, Secretary Wagon and the revisor, Gordon Self get together and decide how many bills were actually being proposed.

Representative Ruby Gilbert wished a bill introduced related to listing and valuation of buildings and improvements for property tax purposes.

This will be accepted for introduction.

Representative Huntington asked for the introduction of a bill regarding property tax for seniors.

This will also be accepted for introduction.

Representative Paul Davis requested a bill to provide for a sales tax exemption for certain non-profit organizations that provide services for at-risk youth.

Chairman Edmonds accepted the requested introduction.