

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson at 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Lisa Benlon who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathy Beavers, Committee Assistant

Conferees attending:

Ron Gaches, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, and El Paso
Larry Garrett, Colorado Interstate Gas Company

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Bill introductions:

Representative King made a motion to introduce a bill concerning income taxation, particularly tax refunds. Representative George seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2378 - Public utility defined for property tax purposes related to natural gas inventories.

The Chairman stated some committee members had additional questions concerning **HB 2378** that was heard in committee March 18, 2009. He requested opponents Ron Gaches, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, and El Paso and Larry Garrett, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, to stand for questions.

SB 78 - Special assessments in transportation districts.

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on **SB 78** and stood for questions.

Representative Dillmore made a motion to move SB 78 favorably for passage. Representative Menghini seconded the motion. Representative Dillmore closed on the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2328 - Sales tax holiday providing exemption for certain purchases of school supplies, computers and clothing.

Representative Peck made a motion to move HB 2328 favorably for passage. Representative Wolf seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Representative Peck made a conceptual motion to amend HB 2328. Page 32, subsection (dddd), line 19, to change the date from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2011. Representative Wolf seconded the motion. Representative Peck closed his motion and requested that the committee move HB 2328, as amended, favorably for passage. The motion carried. Representative Dillmore called for division. Nine members were in favor of the motion and 8 were opposed.

HB 2365 - Creating the promoting employment across Kansas act.

The Chairman requested that Representative Kleeb brief the committee on **HB 2365**. Representative Kleeb summarized **HB 2365**. Information concerning **HB 2365** was distributed to the committee members (Attachment 1).

Representative Seigfried made a motion to move HB 2365 favorably for passage. Representative Goico seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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Representative Kleeb made a motion to amend **HB 2365** in the form of a substitute bill (Attachment 2). Seconded by Representative George. Discussion followed. Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee on changes to the original bill and answered questions. Discussion followed.

Chairman Carlson stated that **HB 2365** would not be voted on today and will be continued at tomorrow's meeting.

Representative Brown introduced his pages from Eudora, Kansas. They are his daughter, Anna Brown, and her friends, Cambry Lynch, and Sophia Lehmann.

Representative George introduced his pages from Dodge City, Kansas. They are Christian Fisher, Caleb Fisher, Hannah Harrold and Taylor Fisher.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.