

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m. February 15, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Howell, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Hal Hudson, National Federation Independent Business  
Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Frances Kastner, Kansas Food Dealers Association  
Charlie Gregor, Leavenworth-Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce  
Christy Caldwell, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce  
Ken Daniel, Midway Sales & Distribution  
Arty Straella Goodyear  
Jeff Berke, CJS Industries, Inc.  
Lee Eisenhauer, Propane Marketers Association of Kansas  
Bernie Koch, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greg Sevier, Wichita Independent Business Association  
Ross Markle, Kansas National Federation of Independent Business  
Leadership Council

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chairman opened the meeting for bill introductions.

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced on check-off item on individual income tax for schools. [HB 2511 - Income tax check-off for school district contributions]

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced relating to pharmaceutical assistance for senior citizens. [HB 2510 - Income tax check-off for senior citizen pharmaceutical assistance]

**Hearing was opened on:**

**HB 2091 - Property tax exemption amount increased on business machinery, equipment and supplies**

Hal Hudson presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (Attachment #1) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Marlee Carpenter presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Attachment #2) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Frances Kastner presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Kansas Food Dealers Association (Attachment #3) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Charles H. Gregor, Jr. presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Leavenworth-Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce (Attachment #4) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Christy Caldwell presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce (Attachment #5) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

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Kenneth L. Daniel, Jr., Founder and Chairman of Midway Wholesale, Topeka, presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** (Attachment #6) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Art Straehla presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** (Attachment #7) on behalf of Goodyear. Mr. Straehla gave a history of Goodyear-Topeka, presented data illustrating the Topeka plant's taxation compared to other North American facilities, and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Jeff Berke, General Manager of CJS Industries, Inc., Topeka, a small manufacturing concern, presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** (Attachment #8) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Lee Eisenhower presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Propane Marketers Association of Kansas (Attachment #9) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Bernie Koch presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce (Attachment #10) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Greg Sevier presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Wichita Independent Business Association (Attachment #11) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Karl Peterjohn addressed the Committee on behalf of Kansas Taxpayers, Inc., in support of **HB 2091**.

Ross E. Markle, President of Harris Bros. Cleaners, Inc., Leavenworth, presented testimony in support of **HB 2091** on behalf of the Kansas National Federation of Independent Business Leadership Council. He responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Chairman Edmonds requested staff to provide information clarifying the apparent requirement of County Appraisers that all property be listed whether or not it meets the \$250 minimum. Conferees indicated they found this to be burdensome.

Hearing on **HB 2091** was closed.

Chairman Edmonds requested staff to provide

**Hearing was opened on:**

**HB 2140 - Income tax credit for property tax paid upon commercial and industrial machinery and equipment:**

Marlee Carpenter presented testimony in support of **HB 2140** on behalf of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Attachment #13) and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Frances Kastner testified in support of **HB 2140** on behalf of the Kansas Food Dealers Association, making reference to her written testimony previously presented (Attachment #3).

Jeff Berke, General Manager of CJS Industries, Inc., Topeka, testified support of **HB 2140** and referred to his written testimony (Attachment #8).

On behalf of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce Christy Caldwell referred to her previous testimony (Attachment #5) in support of **HB 2140**.

Art Straehla addressed the Committee in support of **HB 2140** on behalf of Goodyear, referring to his testimony presented previously (Attachment #7).

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Jeff Berke, General Manager of CJS Industries, Inc., Topeka, testified in support of **HB 2140** making reference to his previous written testimony (Attachment #8).

Hearing on HB 2140 was closed.

Representative Larkin, Ranking Minority Member, referred to testimony provided by Mr. Straella comparing Kansas real estate and personal property taxes with those of other states (Alabama, Illinois, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) (Attachment #7). He asked if staff could provide comparative data on corporate income tax in those states.

The Committee adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 19.