

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:00 A.M. on January 12, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: All present

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes  
Richard Cram, Department of Revenue  
Rose Marie Glatt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Representative Bonnie Sharp

Others attending:  
See Attached List

The Chairman welcomed all committee members, followed by legislator and staff introductions. The Chairman spoke briefly about general rules of the committee, noting that they would start promptly at 9:05 a.m. and meet five days a week, unless otherwise noted. A complete list of rules will be reviewed at a later date. Taxation is a busy committee with a senate committee starting at 10:30 in the same room, thus he requested they stay focused on the issue at hand in order to produce a quality work product to pass out of the committee.

Committee meetings will begin with a series of briefings on Tax Facts, Revenue Consensus Estimating group, Property Taxation, Streamlined Sales Tax and overviews of Sales and Income Tax. He instructed new legislators not to debate conferees during hearings but gather information to be discussed at a later time. Be succinct in the questioning and answering processes. He strongly suggested that written testimony be submitted to the committee secretary the day before a hearing, although citizens, unfamiliar with legislative process, would be allowed to testify without written testimony.

He introduced Chris Courtwright, Principal Economist, who gave a brief overview of *Kansas Tax Facts*, December 2000. This booklet provides in-depth information on state and local taxes (available in the Kansas Legislative Research Department.) He called attention to Table II-Chronology of State-Imposed Taxes, pg. 13, a chart not included in the 2004 supplement. He explained the Liquor Gallonage Tax, pg. 64, as an example of one tax and its respective history.

He turned his attention to the 2004 supplement to the *Kansas Tax Facts* (available in the Kansas Legislative Research Department). The supplement updates tables and discussions of the *2000 Kansas Tax Facts*. Highlights of the review included:

- Combined State and Local Tax Revenue (pg 1)
- 1992 School Finance Law (ramifications)(pg 2)
- Allocation to Funds of Total State Tax Revenue (pg 36)
- State and local Taxes (importance of diversified & balanced revenue portfolio)(pg 4)
- Comparative Kansas Tax Burden (Kansas is not a “high” tax state)(pg 5)
- Recommended Tax Policy Objectives (Governor’s Tax Equity Task Force - 1995)(pg 6)
- Desegregation of Local Government Tax Revenue (pg 37)
- Percentage of Combined State and Local Tax Revenue (pg 38)
- State and Local Government Taxes in Relation to Population and Personal Income (pg 39)

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chairman opened the floor for bill introductions.

Representative Larkin requested and made the motion that a bill be introduced relating to repealing certain corporate income tax, tax credits and sales tax exceptions. Seconded by Davis and the motion carried.

Representative Bonnie Sharp requested a bill be introduced for sales tax exception for Cross-Lines Cooperative Council, Inc. The motion was made by Representative Larkin, seconded by Representative Thull and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting is January 13, 2005.