

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAX COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson @ 9:00 A.M. on January 13, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Mario Goico who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD)

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD)

Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Kathy Beavers, Committee Assistant

Marla Morris, Office Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Richard Carlson, Chairman, introduced and welcomed the new committee and staff members and requested all the members to introduce themselves. The Chairman presented a brief overview of the committee rules.

Representative Larry Powell made a motion requesting the committee sponsor a bill concerning eligibility requirements for medicaid and what happens to the proceeds of life insurance policy. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharon Schwartz. The motion carried. No further bills were introduced.

Chris Courtwright, KLRD, reviewed eight of the ten Interim Committee reports (Attachment 1). The topics of the Interim Committee were:

- Certain Tax Distributions (“Sliders”) for Local Units of Government.
- Sales Tax Refunds for Certain Telecommunications Machinery and Equipment.
- Review of Existing Programs for Property Tax Relief for Seniors.
- Taxation of Watercraft.
- Coalbed Methane Tax Structure.
- Local Units of Government Bonded Indebtedness.
- Gas Severance Tax.
- Mill Levy Issues for Certain Tax Jurisdiction.

Mr. Courtwright presented a brief summary of each topic discussed during the Interim Committee meetings and the conclusions and recommendations of the Interim Committee. He also answered questions from the committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009, in Rm 535-N.