

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ed O'Malley- excused
Representative John Edmonds, Chairman- 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:

Representative Tom Sloan
Dennis Schwartz, Kansas Rural Water Association
Representative Patricia Barbieri-Lightner
Kiersten Adkins, Office Administrator for Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc.
Barb Gosa, Executive Director of Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc.

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Vice-Chairman Dave Huff called the meeting to order and opened the floor for bill introductions.

Representative Bob Bethel requested a bill that would allow teachers to return to work in the school district from which they retired.

With no objections, this bill will be accepted for introductions.

There being no further bill introductions, the Vice-Chairman opened the meeting for public hearing on **HB 2284** and recognized Representative Tom Sloan as a proponent for the bill.

Representative Sloan affirmed in his testimony historically waste water treatment systems have not paid sales taxes on purchases, while some drinking water systems did. The Legislature provided a one-time opportunity for drinking water systems to select a fee payment options in lieu of paying sales taxes on purchases. **HB 2284** recognizes that some water systems that did not select the simple fee payment system would like a second chance and thus provides them with that option. (Attachment 1)

Next to address the committee as a proponent of **HB 2284** was Dennis Schwartz, Director of Kansas Rural Water Association and Manager of Shawnee County RWD 8 (Rural Water Department). This bill would provide needed resources to enable the Kansas Water Office to better address water supply and resource needs of the state of Kansas. It would also provide much needed additional funding so that water sources can be addressed. (Attachment 2)

There being no further proponents for **HB 2284** and no opponents, Vice-Chairman Huff closed the hearing.

Next the meeting was opened for public hearing on **HB 2543**. Representative Patricia Barbieri-Lightner came before the committee to thank them for allowing the hearing to take place, and for allowing the organization, Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center, Inc., to plead their case for tax exemption. She stated that they are an organization that provides valuable services to young new families who would not have the resources otherwise. (No Written Testimony)

Representative Barbieri-Lightner introduced Kiersten Adkins, Office Administrator for Advice and Aid