

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 2:30 P.M. on March 27, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative David Crum - E
Representative Melody Miller- E
Representative Arlen Siegfried- E
Representative Ron Worley - E

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Rose Marie Glatt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Candy Ruff

It was noted that the minutes from February 7, 8, March 13, 14, 15, 16, 2007 were sent electronically to the Committee on March 20 and, by consensus approved on March 27, 2007.

SB 144 - School finance; renewal of statewide property tax levy and exemption therefrom.

The Chairman stated the Tax Committee had been asked to take up **SB 144**, the renewal of the 20 mill tax levy, which passed this morning on the floor on **SB 198**. It was his intention to gut the bill and insert the contents of **HB 2210** into **SB 144**.

HB 2210 - Kansas veterans affairs; service grant programs.

He opened the informational hearing on **HB 2210** and asked Representative Candy Ruff to the podium to brief the Committee on the bill.

Representative Ruff said that **HB 2210**, as amended, would amend the Veterans Claims Assistance Program (VCAP) by adding additional eligibility criteria for the Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) to receive a service grant. She distributed a memorandum and explained the history and intent of the bill (Attachment 1).

The Chairman said the bill had gone through the Veterans Affairs Committee, had extended hearings, with much consideration and several amendments added. The bill passed the House 123-0.

The Chairman closed the informational hearing.

Representative Menghini moved that a substitute bill be created for **SB 144** and the contents of **HB 2210** be inserted. Representative Goyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Hayzlett made the motion to move out **Sub for SB 144**, favorably. Representative Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

He thanked Staff members, Secretary Wagnon and her staff, including Bruce Larkin, and secretaries for their hard work. The Chairman said that in his tenure as Chair, he had never worked with a finer Committee. He commended each of them for their work and encouraged them not to lose their sense of curiosity about issues before them. He concluded by saying it was a privilege and honor to serve with them this session. Representative Holland commended the Chairman on his strong leadership skills and the way he judiciously ran the Committee. Representative Carlson thanked the Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting is April 25, 2007.