

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

Representative Lana Gordon- 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 Jeff Jack  
Representative E. O'Malley  
Steve Weatherford, KDFA  
David Springe, Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board  
T.C. Anderson with the Association of CPAs  
Cheryl Hayward, CPA

Others attending:

See Attached List

Chairman Edmonds opened the meeting for introduction of bills, however hearing none, he opened public hearing on **HB 2843**.

First to be recognized in support of **HB 2843** was Representative Jeff Jack who stated that this bill would allow property to continue to be valued at its true fair market value, it benefits those people most likely to be living in an older home, young couples who may not be able to afford a new home, but who could renovate an older home, working people in traditional neighborhoods, and retired people who may have been in the same home since World War II and who want to continue living there. It also benefits families who inherit a farmstead that may need renovation. It will benefit people all across the state. (Attachment 1)

Representative Ed O'Malley also addressed the committee in support of **HB 2843** giving the opinion that this bill would provide a tax credit for the external repair and maintenance of older homes valued under \$200,000. It would revitalize established neighborhoods and provide relief to those willing to make investments into their older homes and communities. (Attachment 2)

Giving testimony in support of **HB 2843** was David Springe, Consumer Counsel for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board. Mr. Springe explained that CURB (Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board) was a volunteer Board appointed by the Governor to advocate for residential and small commercial utility ratepayers before the Kansas Corporation Commission and the Kansas Courts. They support **HB 2843** which would provide an incentive to Kansas homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their home and in the process decrease their utility bills. They recommended an amendment to change some language in the bill. (Attachment 3)

With the proponents having given their testimony and there being no opponents, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2843** and opened the public hearing on **HB 2882**.

T.C. Anderson, Executive Director of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants addressed the committee in support of **HB 2882** and brought Cheryl Hayward, CPA in the event there were technical questions which needed to be answered. Mr. Anderson reported that this bill is the result of a joint effort by their Tax Group, Secretary Wagon, and her staff at the Department of Revenue. If enacted **HB 2882** would authorize the Secretary of Revenue to adopt rules and regulations regarding the filing of documents with Form K-64 which support the amount of commercial and industrial machinery and equipment credit being claimed by taxpayers. This addition to the Statute is on page 2 of the bill at lines 6 through 8. (Attachment 4)