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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wagle at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2000, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Howell - excused

Rep. Campbell - excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department

April Holman, Legislative Research Department

Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes Shirley Sicilian, Department of Revenue Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary Edith Beaty, Taxation Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative David Atkins

Mary Birch, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Nelson Mann, Attorney

Tom Burke, President, Kansas City, KS Community College

It was moved by Representative Wagle and seconded by Representative Vickery to introduce a bill regarding a property tax lid. The motion carried on a voice vote.

## HB 2680 - an act amending and supplementing the Kansas and Missouri metropolitan culture district compact.

The Chair recognized Representative David Atkins who presented an overview of **HB 2680**. (Attachment 1).

One of the things Representative Atkins addressed was regarding the concern that some have that this was a bill to finance professional sports facilities in Kansas City, Missouri. He stressed this was not the case. This flexibility would allow for voters to consider such a proposal, but they are a very long way from Johnson County civic leaders having confidence that Kansas participation in stadium financing is appropriate even put before the voters. Only the voters can determine whether or not any tax will ever go to a specific project.

Asked if he could explain the dynamics of what was going on in Missouri with this legislation and how it was coordinated, Representative Atkins said that at this time this legislation was being considered by the Missouri Senate Committee and is now on the Senate floor. It is anticipated that it will pass in the Senate. They will continue to monitor it.

He said there was an oversite body in this particular case. The Bi-state Commission was part of the compact because Kansas voters didn't feel they could trust existing governmental entities to administer this bi-state cooperative revenue tax. So it was believed that a commission made up of representatives of both states, each state with a veto over the other state's vote, would have the ability to administer the tax in a way that both states felt their interest was protected. The compact, whether these changes are made or not, would remain in place so next year someone could bring forward to the Johnson County Commission and the Jackson County Legislature a proposal to access another eighth of a cent.

Asked by the Chair what the vote was on the Kansas side for the Union Station renovation, Representative Atkins said the vote was overwhelmingly in favor – in the mid 60's.

Mary Birch of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of <u>HB 2680</u>. (Attachment 2). She told the Committee that while at one time people moved to where the company went, nowadays the companies go to where the people are. Thus, they're interested in improving the quality of life that will draw people. And they are willing to put forth money to match tax dollars to do this.

## **CONTINUATION SHEET**

Member on behalf of the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City, the Arts and Humanities Association of Johnson County and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Offering testimony in support of  $\underline{HB\ 2680}$  was Thomas R. Burke, President of Kansas City, Kansas Community College. (Attachment 4).

Written testimony was handed out by Kansas AFL-CIO in support of <u>HB 2680.</u> (Attachment 5).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2000.