

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Nancy Kirk- excused
Representative Ruby Gilbert- 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:

Rep. Frank Miller
Sue Huckle
Don Matlock
Anita Atherton
Patricia McBride
Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Tax Payers Network
Richard Rodewald
Ed Jaskinia

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Edmonds called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming the committee and the new staff member, Martha Dorsey.

The floor was opened for bill introduction. Representative Powers requested a bill on SMT reciprocity and special heavy machinery tax for big machinery coming into the states. Chairman accepted that bill for introduction.

Representative Siegfried requested the introduction a bill to restore tax exemption on customized computer software and a second bill to establish a moratorium on the destination source and aspect of the streamlined sales tax until legislation is enacted which enables Kansas to let those taxes from out of state business and it would have a second aspect that if the federal legislature requires us to pay out of state vendors to collect those taxes, we would pay our in state vendors at the same rate to collect sales tax. Chairman Edmonds accepted those bills for introduction.

Representative Brunk requested the introduction of a bill that would clean up some language regarding the business aircraft property tax exemption.

With no objections, Chairman Edmonds accepted for introduction.

The Chairman opened the floor for hearing on **HB 2255** - Definition of "Fair Market Value" for Property Tax Purposes, and recognizing Representative Frank Miller as a proponent of the bill. Representative Miller urges the passage of **HB 2255** because it is a bill that will encourage property owners to not fear maintaining the esthetic appearance of their home. (Attachment 1)

The second proponent for **HB 2255** was Sue Huckle of Cherryvale, Kansas. In her testimony, Mrs. Huckle stated that they had lived here their entire lives and hoped to be able to continue to do so, however, due to increasing property taxes, this may be impossible. Mrs. Huckle cited examples of problems people are experiencing in their part of Kansas. (Attachment 2)

Next to address the committee as a proponent of **HB 2255** was Don Matlock of Independence, Kansas with