

Approved: March 28, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson at 3:38 pm on Wednesday March 14, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

Members excused were: Representative Gatewood

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chuck Reimer, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chris Sevedge, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Allen Jeffus, Office Assistant
Phyllis Fast, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Rob Broberg, Saline County Appraiser/Kansas County Appraiser Association
Representative Charlotte O'Hara, from the 27th District
Earl Long, FairTaxKC
Lloyd Hanahan, Overland Park
Michelle Grabber, Paola
Jim Grabber, Paola
Dr. Mark Saylor, Topeka retired general practitioner
Jeff Locke, Arma former educator
Roger Wood, Pittsburg small business owner
Dennis Donahue, retired Commander USNR
Dr. John Hugo, Lenexa retired Dentist
Dave Aull, Innco Hospitality and Transamerican Investment Properties
Ron Long, Rose Hill
John Quick, Kansas retired Engineer
Bob Bowser, Salina former small business owner
Dale Chaffee, Shawnee
Bob Hollinger, Independence MO

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Carlson opened a hearing on:

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HB 2586 - Protesting payment of taxes; requiring county appraiser to initiate production of evidence substantiating valuation of property.

Chris Sevedge briefed the Committee on **HB 2586** concerning the county appraiser's requirements to present evidence and provide data sheets of property evaluation. He stood for questions.

Rob Broberg testified as neutral for **HB 2586** by pointing out some of the language which seems ambiguous. (Attachment 1) He stood for questions.

Written only testimony in opposition to **HB 2586** was presented by Tom Fuhrmann, Grant County Appraiser (Attachment 2).

After all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairman Carlson closed the hearing on **HB 2586**.

Chairman Carlson opened a hearing on:

HB 2763 - Enacting the Kansas economic freedom act of 2014.

Representative O'Hara testified in support of **HB 2763** concerning the effects on KDOT funding and bonding capacity. (Attachment 3) She stood for questions.

Earl Long testified in support of **HB 2763** by saying the bill repeals corporate income tax immediately, individual income tax by 2015, and overall "untaxes the poor". (Attachment 4) He stood for questions.

Lloyd Hanahan testified in support of **HB 2763**, by saying so many tax regulations are costly, that **HB 2763** is clean and effective. (Attachment 5) He stood for questions.

Michelle Grabber testified in support of **HB 2763**, because it levels the playing field for corporations and individuals. (Attachment 6) She stood for questions.

Jim Grabber testified in support of **HB 2763**, by describing how other states prosper with no income tax. (Attachment 7) He stood for questions.

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Dr. Mark Saylor testified in support of **HB 2763** by broadening the state sales tax base and the taxing of personal services. (Attachment 8) He stood for questions.

Jeff Locke testified in support of **HB 2763** by proposing this new method of taxing will create more revenue and jobs. (Attachment 9) He stood for questions.

Roger Wood testified in support of **HB 2763** by discussing its flexibility in collecting revenues, the ease for businesses working in Kansas and the ability to provide more take-home pay for individuals. (Attachment 10) He stood for questions.

Dennis Donahue testified in support of **HB 2763** by describing how tax laws need to be changed instead of “repaired”. (Attachment 11) He stood for questions.

Dr. John Hugo testified in support of **HB 2763** by indicating businesses will come to Kansas, and the economy will “soar”. (Attachment 12) He stood for questions.

Dave Aull testified in support of **HB 2763** by pointing out the plight of retirees leaving the state to avoid the state’s high income taxes. (Attachment 13) He stood for questions.

Ron Long testified in support of **HB 2763** by outlining nine favorable points that **HB 2763** provides to Kansas taxpayers. (Attachment 14) He stood for questions.

John Quick testified in support of **HB 2763** by providing statistics showing the number of Kansas-educated students leaving the state for employment. (Attachment 15) He stood for questions.

Bob Bowser testified in support of **HB 2763** by ending all loopholes and “disincentives for honesty”. (Attachment 16) He stood for questions.

Dale Chaffee testified in support of **HB 2763** by indicating how no state income tax should exist in Kansas. (Attachment 17) He stood for questions.

Bob Hollinger testified in support of **HB 2763**, offering the need for the simplicity and fairness of no income tax. (Attachment 18) He stood for questions.

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Written only testimony in support of **HB 2763** was presented by Jerome Hughes (Attachment 19); Emmanuel Dumler, Russell KS / Lee's Summit, MO (Attachment 20); and Louis Woodhill, Illinois (Attachment 21).

After all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairman Carlson closed the hearing on **HB 2763**.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 3:30 pm Thursday March 15, 2012 in 783-DSOB to hear testimony in opposition to **HB 2763**.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

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