

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wagle at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2000, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Wilk - excused
Representative Howell - excused
Representative Campbell - excused
Representative Kirk - excused
Representative Tomlinson - excused
Representative Edmonds - 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: Dr. Janice S. Barton, Prof. of Chemistry, Washburn Univ.
Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Service
Larry Skelton, Wichita Kansas Geological Survey
Representative Peggy Long
George Petersen, Kansas Taxpayers Network
Hal Hudson, National Fed. Of Independent Business
Bob Corkins, Kansas Public Policy Institute
John Koepke, Kansas Association of School Boards

SB 116 - Sales tax exemption for Kansas Academy of Science purchases

The Chair introduced Dr. Janice S. Barton, Professor of Chemistry at Washburn University who spoke to the Committee as a proponent for **SB 116**. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Next to appear in support of **SB 116** was Rex Buchanan, Director for Public Relations for the Kansas Geological Service. ([Attachment 2](#)).

Larry H. Skelton, Assistant Director for Wichita, Kansas Geological Survey appeared as a proponent for **SB 116**. ([Attachment 3](#)).

In answer to Representative Long's question as to what items would be tax exempt, Dr. Barton said most of the tax is on the cost of publishing the journal and bulletin and other materials that they have to purchase, in order to disseminate information about scientific education matters

The hearing on **SB 116** was concluded.

HCR 5064 - Amend constitution to prohibit increase of rate of certain taxes.

Speaking as proponents for **HCR 5064** were: Representative Long, ([Attachment 4](#)); George Petersen of the Kansas Taxpayers Network, ([Attachment 5](#)); Hal Hudson of the National Federation of Independent Business, ([Attachment 6](#)) and Bob Corkins of Kansas Public Policy Institute, ([Attachments 7 and 8](#)).

John Koepke, Executive Director of Kansas Association of School Boards, spoke to the Committee as an opponent to **HCR 5064**. ([Attachment 9](#)).

The hearing on **HCR 5064** was concluded.

CONTINUATION SHEET

HB 2715 - an act relating to property taxation; concerning the valuation of land devoted to agricultural use.

Representative Aurand spoke to the Committee in regard to a balloon amendment to **HB 2715**. (Attachment 10).

It was moved by Representative Aurand and seconded by Representative Sharp to adopt the balloon amendment to **HB 2715**. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Minor made the motion to adopt **HB 2715** as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Gilbert and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2000.