

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. March 6 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative T. Powell, excused  
Representative Sharp, excused  
Representative Tafanelli, excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Don Hayward, Revisor  
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferee appearing before the committee: Rep. Landwehr

Others attending: See attached list.

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced concerning gallonage liquor tax as requested by Representative Powers. [HB 2576 - Alternative crop research and marketing]

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced pertaining to cigarette tax. [HB 2560 - Cigarette and tobacco products tax rate increase]

Representative Larkin moved that Minutes be approved for February 7, February 8, February 12, February 13, February 14, February 15, February 19, February 20 and February 21. Representative Palmer seconded and motion was adopted.

Hearing was opened on:

**HB 2510 Income tax check-off for senior citizen pharmaceutical assistance**

Representative Landwehr presented testimony in support of **HB 2510** and responded to questions from Committee members.

Hearing on **HB 2510** was closed.

Hearing was opened on:

**HB 2511 Income tax check-off for school district contributions**

Representative Landwehr presented testimony in support of **HB 2511** (Attachment #1). Representative Landwehr responded to questions from Committee members. She indicated that although the bill as written provides that donations would go to the school district in which the contributor lives, she would have no objection to the suggestion that provision should be made that the contributor could choose another school district. For instance grandparents could designate the school district their grandchildren attend rather than where they themselves reside.

Hearing on **HB 2511** was closed.

In response to several questions during discussion of **HB 2511**, see memorandum from Chris W. Courtwright, Principal Analyst, Legislative Research, dated March 8 (Attachment #2).

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 7.