

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Edmonds at 9:00 a.m. March 15 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Howell, excused
Representative Palmer, 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:
Ron Hein, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
Derek Crawford, Philip Morris Companies
Thomas M. Palace, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store

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Mike Thornburgh, Quik Trip
Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network
Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Assn

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing was opened on:

HB 2560 - Cigarette and tobacco products tax rate increase

Ron Hein presented testimony on behalf of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in opposition to the bill (Attachment #1) and responded to questions.

Derek Crawford presented testimony on behalf of Philip Morris Companies in opposition to the bill (Attachment #2) and responded to questions.

Thomas M. Palace presented testimony on behalf of Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Association of Kansas in opposition to the bill (Attachment #3) and responded to questions.

Mike Thornburgh testified in opposition to the bill on behalf of Quiktrip Corporation. Written testimony was provided to Committee later (Attachment #4).

Karl Peterjohn presented testimony in opposition to the bill on behalf of the Kansas Taxpayers Network (Attachment #5). He responded to questions from the Committee.

Philip Bradley presented testimony in opposition to the bill on behalf of the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association (Attachment #6).

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was presented by Robert Whippo on behalf of the Kansas Lung Association (Attachment #7).

Hearing on HB 2560 was closed.

The Committee took under consideration bills on which hearings had previously been held.

Representative Osborne moved to include the provisions of HB 2510 in HB 2511. Representative L. Powell seconded and motion was adopted.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Representative Newton moved a conceptual amendment to clarify that school district contributions contemplated by **HB 2511** do not count as local effort by specific reference to the statute. Representative T. Powell seconded and motion was adopted.

Representative Wilson moved a conceptual amendment to allow a designation of where the money is to go. Representative Flora seconded. Motion was adopted.

Representative Mays moved recommend **HB 2511** favorable for passage as amended.

Representative Wilson moved a substitute motion to replace “unified district” with the words “accredited in the state of Kansas” in Line 15. Rep. Flora seconded. Motion was adopted.

Rep. Wilson moved recommend **HB 2511** favorable for passage as amended. Representative Cook seconded. Motion failed.

Rep. T. Powell moved to table **HB 2510**. Representative Sharp seconded. Motion was adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 16.