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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wagle at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2000, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Jenkins - excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary
Edith Beaty, Taxation Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mike Taylor, City of Wichita
Freda Culver, Stafford, Kansas
Larry Fischer, DVM
Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network
Karen France, Kansas Association of Realtors
Don Moler, League of Municipalities
Randy Allen, Kansas Association of Counties

The Chair introduced Shirley Moses, Director of Accounts and Reports, who presented a report to the Committee on Cities and Counties "Truth in Taxation". (Attachment 1).

In answer to a question regarding publication requirements in the Truth in Taxation law, Randy Allen of the Association of Counties explained there were none.

The Chair explained that they would be hearing from both proponents and opponents of **HB 2853** and **HB 2893**. However, she first wanted to introduce Freda Culver of Stafford, Kansas who wished to speak as a proponent of **HB 5031** and **HB 5035**. (Attachment 2).

Asked what the percentage was of her tax increase, Mrs. Culver said it was almost 50%.

HB 2853 - Concerning political subdivision budget expenditures from revenues produced by property tax levies; providing limitations thereon.

HB 2893 - An act relating to property taxation; requiring certain actions relating to the levying thereof.

Appearing as a proponents for both **HB 2853** and **HB 2893** were:

Larry Fischer, a Topeka veterinarian, (Attachment 3);
Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network, (Attachment 4) and
Karen France, Kansas Association of Realtors, (Attachment 5);

Appearing as opponents for both **HB 2853** and **HB 2893** were:

Don Moler, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachments 6 and 7);
Randy Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, (Attachment 8);
Dana Fenton, Johnson County, (Attachment 9) and
Mike Taylor, City of Wichita, (Attachment 10).

In speaking to the Committee, Randy Allen asked how one would expect services to be provided without sufficient revenue. He said he knew no one wanted property taxes, he just had to ask what the alternative would be.

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When he talks to the Appraiser, who's not an elected official, the Appraiser tells him that he wasn't told what to do by the Commission. He felt the Appraiser was being given too much responsibility.

A motion was made by Representative Wilk and seconded by Representative Sharp to amend **HB 2893** to add a line 5, following line 33C to exempt the cost of a demand transfer law from the previous year to this year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

After discussion it was decided to hold **HB 2893** until other possible amendments to the bill could be agreed up.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2000.