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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 March 3, 2000, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Minor - excused
Rep. Long - 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
Edity Beaty, Taxation Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HCR 6012 - A resolution requiring the Attorney General to prosecute an action to determine the reasonableness of attorney fees awarded to the local outside counsel in the national tobacco settlement case.

The Chair explained that this was the bill previously heard. She also told the Committee that due to some concern that if this resolution passed, tobacco money would be placed in jeopardy, she took the letter that the Attorney General had written regarding this to the Revisor. The Revisor spent the last week going over the master settlement for the tobacco case and they have come up with a balloon that protects the tobacco money. (Attachment 1).

A copy of the Revisor's memorandum regarding the consideration of the Draft Resolution was handed out to the Committee. (Attgachment 2)

It was moved by Representative Johnston and seconded by Representative Findley that the balloon amendment to **HCR 6012** be adopted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Palmer and seconded by Representative Gregory that **HCR 6012** be passed as amended. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.