

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:45 a.m. on March 27, 2002, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Lee

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes Office
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Rick Rehorn

Others attending: See attached list.

HB 2785—Concerning taxation; relating to redemption of real estate

Representative Rick Rehorn testified in support of **HB 2785**, noting that it passed in the House on March 26 on a 124-0 vote. He explained that under current Kansas Law homestead property must be three years delinquent on property taxes before the county may bring a foreclosure action. The homeowner can prevent a foreclosure by making a payment on one delinquent tax year. The redemption payment is applied to the oldest tax year in 103 Kansas counties, but in Wyandotte county it is applied to the most recent year. The bill would allow Wyandotte County to join the other 103 counties. (Attachment 1) Representative Rehorn noted that Johnson County also applies payment to the most recent tax year but declined to be included in the bill, although county officials have stated that they are not opposed to the bill.

Don Denney, representing the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2785**. He notes that policies designed to expeditiously collect taxes when due and to assist the taxpayer in maintaining payments promote fairness and equality in the cost of government. (Attachment 2)

There being no others wishing to testify, the hearing on **HB 2785** was closed.

Senator Clark moved to recommend **HB 2785** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Donovan. The motion carried.

Senator Haley expressed his concern that **HB 2785** was moving too quickly through the legislative process. He explained that he had not had sufficient time to fully understand its effect. He noted that he intends to continue to study the bill before the full Senate votes on it.

For the Committee's information, Senator Corbin called the Committee's attention copies of fiscal year data for each state under the heading, "States Can Avoid Substantial Revenue Loss by Decoupling from New Federal Tax Provision, 3/20/02." (Attachment 3) He explained that, with the recent tax stimulus tax bill passed by Congress, many states which conform to federal law will take some "hits" on their revenue. To avoid a loss of revenue, some states are considering "decoupling" from the federal act.

The minutes of the March 26, 2002, meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

No further meetings have been scheduled.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE at 11:00 a.m. on February 13, 2002, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.