

TAX COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Gordon Voss, Chairman of the House Tax Committee, called the thirtieth meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. on September 9, 1987 in the auditorium of the Mankato State University Student Union Building. The clerk recorded the attendance. The following members were present:

Voss, Chair	Nelson
Bennett	Neuenschwander
Blatz	Ogren
Dauner	Onnen
Dempsey	Pauly
Frerichs	Peterson
Himle	Rest
Jaros	Schreiber
Kelly	Skoglund
Long	Sviggum
McLaughlin	Welle
Minne	

The following members were excused:

Begich	Osthoff
Brown	Redalen
Jacobs	Scheid
Marsh	Valento
McKasy	Vanasek
Wynia	

Chairman Voss announced that due to a delay in beginning the meeting, he would extend the meeting an additional 45 minutes in order to allow testimony from the public. The Chair invited all the members of the committee and the accompanying staff persons to introduce themselves and indicate their legislative district and their functions. After the introductions, he introduced Karen Baker from House Research who presented an overview of the 1987 Omnibus Tax Bill. Ms. Baker described the changes and effects of the new law as it relates to property taxes. She supplied the members with informational packets which included a description of the new classification systems, homestead credits, commercial-industrial property taxes, and the replacement aid system.

Steve Hinze, House Research, described the replacement aid system in detail. Chairman Voss requested that Mr. Hinze continue his presentation at the next Mini-Session meeting to be held in St. Paul in October in order to allow time on the agenda for testimony from the public.

Tim Wierzbicki, President of the Mankato State University Student Association, and Jodie Palmer, Vice President of the Mankato State University Student Association, presented testimony and comments relating to the sales tax on purchases made by the University.

Mr. Herb Mocol, former Mayor of Mankato, testified on several issues including real estate (commercial/industrial) taxes, boards of equalization, and market values of property.

The following city administrators testified to the levy limit issue:

Brian Grametz, City of Winsted
Dennis Nelson, City of Windom
Neil Ruddy, City of Redwood Falls

Mr. Dean Doyscher, resident of Mankato commented on Title II property taxes.

Having no more time for additional testimony, Chairman Voss thanked those in attendance for their comments, indicated that the committee would take further testimony at the next meeting, and adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.


Gordon O. Voss, Chair


Eunice C. Groschen, Clerk