

TAX COMMITTEE INTRO.....

TAX COMMITTEE TESTIMONY JAN. 30

MY NAME IS DICK MILLER AND I AM ACTING AS A CITIZEN OF KANSAS AND AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE KANSAS DISABLED VETERAN'S LOBBY, A GRASS ROOTS GROUP OF VETERANS WHO WISH TO AFFORD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR KANSAS DISABLED VETERANS.

REPRESENTATIVE PAT PROCTOR HAS INTRODUCED HOUSE BILL # 2036 WHICH OFFERES CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF. THIS BILL DOES NOT REPLICATE OUR LOBBY'S SUGGESTED RELIEF, BUT IT IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE WORTHY OF OUR SUPPORT. THANKS TO REPRESENTATIVE PROCTOR AND THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES DEPICTED THEREIN, ALONG WITH NUMEROUS SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACROSS THE ISLE, FOR THEIR ENERGETIC SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. I TRULY THINK WE HAVE BIPARTISIN SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL. THE WINNER IS HOPEFULLY, OUR KANSAS DISABLED VETERANS.

AS A DISABLED VITENAM VETERAN I STAND VEHIMETLY BEHIND MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHOM SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT AWARD A VETERAN'S RATING WITHOUT TEST AFTER TEST..... VERIFYING THAT HIS OR HER'S DISABILITY IN SERVICE CONNECTED. THE TRUTH BE KNOWN, MOST VETS WOULD TRADE THEIR MONTHLY STIPEND FOR THE RETURN OF HIS OR HER'S HEALTH. IN STEAD, MOST ARE NEARLY TRADING THEIR DISABILITY REIMBURSEMENT TO THE STATE OF KANSAS IN THE FORM OF NUMEROUS, UNAFFORDABLE TAXES. FROM SALES TAXES, PROPERTY TAXES AND INCOME TAXES, LITTLE IS LEFT FOR THE SOLDIER THAT INCURRED SERIOUS DISABILITIES IN THE NAME OF PATRIOTISM. THAT IS..... IN THE NAME OF DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT.....SERVING HIS COUNTRY.

IN SUMMARY, LET ME SAY NOW.....THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVE PROCTOR,  
FOR HOUSE BILL 2036. AND I DON'T MEAN TO LEAVE THE HONORABLE  
MEMBERS OF OUR LEGISLATURE AND OF COURSE, THE HARD WORKING TAX  
COMMITTEE, WITH A FEELING OF FUTILITY. I SAY IN ALL HONESTY, YOU ALL  
WORK VERY HARD FOR LITTLE RETURN AND YOU ARE APPRECIATED.

BUT WE'VE GOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF OUR DISABLED  
VETERANS. AND, PLEASE BE AWARE, ANY EXEMPTION YOU SEE FIT TO EXTEND IS  
NOT WELFARE. IT IS REPAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE.

R.W. (DICK) MILLER

COMBAT VIETNAM VETERAN