

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson at 3:34 p.m. on January 13, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Gary Hayzlett-excused  
Representative Aaron Jack-excused  
Representative Kasha Kelley-excused  
Representative Larry Powell-excused  
Representative Scott Schwab-excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Marla Morris, Committee Assistant  
Allen Jeffus, Office Assistant

Conferees:

Pat George, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce  
Nick Jordan, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions:

Pat George, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce, requested introduction of conceptual bill relating to business expensing including the roll-back of certain tax credits. Representative Carlson moved to introduce such bill, Representative Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pat George, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce requested introduction of a bill relating to the rural opportunity zones providing for income tax relief and student loan forgiveness. Representative Carlson moved introduction of the bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Kleeb. The motion carried.

Acting Secretary of Commerce Pat George provided a brief overview of his background and offered insight into the initiatives of the Kansas Department of Commerce. The Department looks to grow the Kansas economy and provide an environment that creates more jobs in the state, which is fundamentally the job of the Department. He provided information outlining five divisions within the Department (Attachment #1):

- Business Development
- Rural Development
- Trade Development
- Travel and Tourism
- Workforce Services

Nick Jordan, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) welcomed the opportunity to work with the Taxation Committee. He emphasized the Economic Growth Team within the KDOR will include the Departments of Commerce, Health and Environment, Agriculture, and Labor. This group will meet on a regular basis and work together to create more jobs and grow the economy in the State of Kansas.

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD), provided a copy of *The Kansas Tax Facts, Eighth Edition: A Reference Booklet on State and Local Taxes*, December 2010 to members of the Taxation Committee. A copy of this booklet is available through the KLRD.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.