

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:37 a.m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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
Michel Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Trevor Wohlford
Janis Lee

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the meeting and proceeded to the confirmation hearings for Trevor Wohlford and Janis Lee. He introduced Trevor, who spoke regarding previous position he has held and abilities he has that make him a good candidate for the position of Member of the State Court of Tax Appeals. Sen. King asked why this position has a four-year term, but the dates in the information summary show the term will expire January 15, 2013. Mr. Wohlford explained his term will end then, because he will be filling the term of a previous member.

Sen. Janis Lee was introduced. She has been recommended for the Chief Hearing Officer, State Court of Tax Appeals. She too spoke of the qualifications she has for this position. Judge Bruce Larkin said he supports the confirmation of both these candidates. J. Cubic, the CPA for the State Court of Appeals, also is in favor of these candidates to be confirmed.

Chairman Donovan had a question regarding a back-log of cases for the State Court of Tax Appeals. Mr. Wohlford, explained Kansas counties are trying to settle these cases before they have to go to the State Court of Appeals, keeping any back-log to a minimum.

Chairman Donovan asked the committee if it was ready to vote on these appointments. Sen. Apple moved Trevor Wohlford be confirmed for the position of Member of the State Court of Tax Appeals. Sen. Kelsey seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sen. Holland moved Sen. Janis Lee be confirmed for the position of Chief Hearing Officer, State Court of Tax Appeals. Sen. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no bills to be introduced, and no other business before the committee. Chairman Donovan told the committee there were no additional meetings scheduled for our committee this week. He advised the members to watch for next week's agenda.

Seeing no further questions or comments, Chairman Donovan closed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.