

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:30 a.m. on February 17, 2009, in Room 535-N 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  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards and Kansas National Education Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the meeting and announced that the committee would not be taking action on **SCR 1607 - Constitutional amendment to define underground storage natural gas owners as public utilities and subject them to property taxation** today. It will be announced at a later date.

The chairman opened the hearing on **SB 255 - Continuation of statewide levy for public schools and exemption therefrom for residential**. He introduced Mark Tallman, who represents Kansas Association of School Boards and Kansas National Education Association. (Attachment 1) Seeing no other people wanting to testify, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There was a hearing on **SB 228 - Providing a property tax exemption for certain leased vehicles**, last week (February 12). Chairman Donovan asked if there was any objection to having a motion to move this bill out of committee and to the Senate floor. Scott Wells, from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained there is need for a technical amendment to correct the bill. Sen. Apple moved we accept the bill as amended. Sen. Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sen. Lynn moved that SB 228 be recommended favorably for passage as amended. Sen. Coyler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Donovan did not feel **SB 255 - Continuation of statewide levy for public schools and exemption therefrom for residential property** should be voted on at this time.

Chairman Donovan asked for approval of the minutes of the February 11 and February 12 meetings. Sen. Brownlee moved acceptance of both sets of minutes. Sen Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is not scheduled at this time. Watch for the agenda in the Calendar.

Chairman Donovan said he was trying to get a "blessing" on SB 242 and SB 244 and one other bill, so they can still be discussed in Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.