

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Derek Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Virginia Fett, Office Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Whitney Damron

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan welcomed everyone to the committee. He opened the meeting with bill introductions.

Richard Cram spoke on behalf of the Governor introduction of a bill to amend KSA 79-41a03 and repeal 79-41a04 and 79-41a05 so that starting the fiscal year 2010 the liquor drink tax revenues currently going to local governments would, instead, be deposited and stay in State General Fund. Sen. Brownlee asked if doing this would impact local governments. Yes, it would. Chairman Donovan asked if there were any objections to accepting the bill. Seeing none, he said he would get the bill drafted. (Attachment 1)

He also had two bill requests on behalf of the Department of Revenue. First would clarify the income tax refund statute of limitations by amending 79-3230 in paragraphs C, F, and G. The other request is to add language to the Liquor Enforcement Tax Act that would require that retail licensees file and pay the taxes as required. The amendment is requested to clarify. That will not impact local government. Motion was made to accept the request to make bills to do this was made by Sen. Lynn; Sen. Holland seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Attachment 2)

Sen. Barnett explained Lyon County residents passed a one cent sales tax, however they exceeded their authority and need to add them to a list of other counties who have also done this. Sen. Colyer moved the bill be accepted; Sen. Apple seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Whitney Damron requested another bill. SB 487 from last year was passed. This request would clarify that bill. Sen. Brownlee moved the motion to accept; Sen. Apple seconded. Motion carried. (Attachment 3)

No other people were present to request other bills.

Chris covered the subjects in the interim committee. He distributed all ten committee reports from that committee. The topics studied were: Slider Formula; Sales Tax – Telecommunications; Property Tax Relief for Seniors; Taxation of Watercraft; Coalbed Methane; Local Bonded Indebted Indebtedness; Gas Severance Tax; Mill Levy Issues; Aerospace Engineer Credits; and Net Operating Loss Carrybacks. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Donovan closed this meeting and advised the committee to watch their Journals for scheduling of the next meeting. He will schedule it when the bills are printed and available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.