

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:40 A.M. on February 7, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Judy Swanson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

State Senator Barbara Allen
Roy Jensen, M.D., KU Cancer Center
Major General Todd Bunting, Adjutant General of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Lee took over the Chair for the purpose of the hearing on **SB 482**—providing checkoff for breast cancer research.

Senator Barbara Allen testified why a checkoff fund was needed in Kansas for breast cancer research. (Attachment 1) She gave personal testimony as to why she sought medical treatment outside of Kansas. She said women in Kansas should not have to travel to Texas, Minnesota or Boston to obtain the highest standard of care for treatment of breast cancer.

Roy Jensen, M.D., Director of University of Kansas Cancer Center, testified that in order to achieve National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, significant additional resources are needed. (Attachment 2) In addition to state appropriations, he will aggressively seek support from federal government sources and investments from private donors. Funds raised from a checkoff would be used to enhance the opportunities for Kansans to participate in clinical trials, understand breast cancer, and how to treat and prevent cancer.

During Committee discussion, Dr. Jensen said NCI-designated institutions have access to the latest clinical trials. It would be a benefit to rural Kansans because it would be geographically more convenient for treatment. He said breast cancer is not gender specific.

Senator Apple gave special appreciation to Senator Allen for her courage and compassion in bringing this issue to the Committee, and also to Dr. Jensen for his assistance with this program.

The American Cancer Society will forward written testimony in support of **SB 482**.

Hearing on **SB 482** was closed.

Senator Allen returned to the Chair for the purpose of the hearing on **SB384**—income tax checkoff for Kansas military emergency relief.

Major General Todd Bunting, Adjutant General, State of Kansas, testified in support of **SB 384**. (Attachment 3) The need for this fund was first determined when many Guard and Reserve members began to mobilize to support the war on terrorism in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He said this bill would give a new source for funding and allow the citizens of Kansas to show their support of the military.

Discussion followed, and Maj. Gen. Bunting said he did not have an estimate as to how much revenue this checkoff might provide. He felt \$50,000 would probably cover their needs. Richard Cram, KDOR, said checkoffs are expensive to set up. Senator Schmidt suggested a simple appropriation to the fund would be the more efficient way to handle the issue. In response to Senator Allen, Mr. Cram said if two checkoff bills were set up at the same time, the cost would be shared and the fiscal note would be less on each checkoff.

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Both checkoffs would be on-going checkoffs.

Hearing on **SB 384** was closed.

Further Committee discussion was held on **SB 358**, electronic filing of returns and electronic funds transfer for payments required in certain circumstances.

Senator Lee provided additional information from KDOR on what KDOR can do with electronic W2 information. (Attachment 4)

Senator Lee made a motion to amend SB 358 so that electronic filing of W2s is required from companies with a minimum of 51 employees, and to remove Section 1. Senator Pine seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Gordon Self, Revisor, said that this amendment would be best handled by a substitute bill. The Committee agreed.

Senator Bruce moved to report a substitute bill for SB 385 as amended favorable for passage. Senator Donovan seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Senator Donovan moved to approve the Minutes of the February 2 Committee meeting. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.