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## 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 12, 2012, in the Old Supreme Court Room in the Capital.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Secretary  
Virginia Fett, Office Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer  
Nick Jordan, Secretary of Revenue  
Art Hall, Center for Applied Economics, Kansas University School of Business

Others attending:

See attached list.

Rep. Richard Carlson and Sen. Les Donovan welcomed everyone to the joint meeting of House Taxation and Senate Assessment and Taxation Committees.

They introduced Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer who spoke about the reasons we need to make changes in our taxation process in order to increase income in Kansas. He was followed by Nick Jordan, Secretary of Revenue who spoke about Gov. Brownback's Pro-Growth Plan: Making the State Income Tax Flatter, Fairer and Simpler. (Attachment 1) The final speaker was Art Hall, from the Center for Applied Economics, Kansas University School of Business. He also spoke in favor of changes to Kansas' manner of taxing, using a number of graphs to show the points for changes in Kansas methods of taxation. (Attachment 2). Gary Allerheilgen, CPA, was not able to attend today's meeting, but sent testimony supporting Gov. Brownback's pro-growth plan for revising Kansas tax policy. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Donovan closed the meeting, thanking all who attended this informative meeting for both the House and Senate members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.