

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:30 a.m. on March 19, 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:

Bill Moore, President/CEO of Westar Energy & current board member and past Chairman of the Board for Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of Kansas
Emily Compton, President of Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of Kansas
Commissioner Dudley Feuerborn, Anderson County Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Bob Boaldin, Morton County Board of Commissioners
Mark Low, Meade County Appraiser
Commissioner Tony Fowler, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
Gordon Stull, County Counselor, Pratt Co. Kansas
Ron DeGarmo, Morton County Commissioner & President, Kansas Legislative Policy Group
Bill Waters, Attorney, Division of Property Valuation – Kansas Dept. Of Revenue
Joan Wagon, Sec. Department of Revenue
Ron Gaches, representing Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline & El Paso Energy
Laurence E. Garrett, attorney for Colorado Interstate Gas Co. (“CIG”)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the meeting announcing we would start the meeting with the hearing on **HB 2299 - Sales tax exemption for Goodwill Industries Easter Seals Society of Kansas, Inc. and Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc.** Bill Moore, President/CEO of Westar Energy & current board member and past Chairman of the Board for Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of Kansas, spoke in favor of this bill. He explained this bill is to restore the tax exemption statue of Goodwill Industries Easter Seals Society of Kansas, Inc. and Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc. (Attachment 1) Emily Compton, President of Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of Kansas presented written testimony. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Donovan asked what the committee wishes were for this bill. Sen Steineger moved the bill be passed. Sen. Lynn seconded the motion. A minor mistake was pointed out in the bill; it needs to be corrected. The motion was withdrawn. Sen. Apple made a motion to add County Fairs and Senior Citizens’ Centers to this bill. Sen. Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sen. D. Schmidt moved **SB 100 - Sales tax exemption for fees for guided and non-guided hunts and fishing expeditions and sale of game birds for hunting** be amended into this bill also. Sen. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed. Then Sen. D. Schmidt moved the bill be passed as amended. Sen Lynn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HB 2324 - Sales tax exemption requirements for certain retail businesses under Kansas enterprise zone act was discussed. Secretary Wagon, Department of Revenue said she and her department support this bill/Sen. Holland moved the bill be passed. Sen. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **SB 312 - Public utility defined for property tax purposes related to natural gas inventories.** Bill Waters, Attorney, Division of Property Valuation – Kansas Department of Revenue spoke in favor of this bill. (Attachment 3) Commissioner Dudley Feuerborn, Morton County Board of Commissioners (Attachment 4), Commissioner Bob Boaldin, Morton County Board of Commissioners (Attachment 5), Mark Low, Meade County Appraiser (Attachment 6), Commissioner Tony Fowler, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners (Attachment 7), Gordon Stull, County Counselor, Pratt County Kansas (Attachment 8), and Joan Wagon, Secretary, Department of Revenue (Attachment 9)

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all expressed their reasons they would like to see this bill passed. Ron DeGarmo, Morton County Commissioner and President of Kansas Legislative Policy Group sent written testimony in favor of **SB 312**. ((Attachment 10)).

Ron Gaches, representing Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline & El Paso Energy presented testimony in opposition to **SB 321**. (Attachment 11). Laurence E. Garrett, for Colorado Interstate Gas Co. ("CIG") was also opposed to this bill. (Attachment 12)

Chairman Donovan said the bill on rebates, **HB 2172 - Permanent exclusion from sales taxation of certain cash rebates on sales or leases of new motor vehicles** has been passed back to our committee. Discussion was held. Sen. D. Schmidt moved the committee pass this bill. Sen. Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 242 - Computation of amount of personal property tax on motor vehicles was amended in the House. Sen. D. Schmidt moved we pass the bill as amended. Sen. Lynn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Chairman Donovan asked the committee what they wanted to do with **SB 312 - Public utility defined for property tax purposes related to natural gas inventories**. Sen. D. Schmidt moved the bill be passed. Sen. Apple seconded the motion. The motion failed with 3 yeas and 4 nos.

No future meetings are scheduled..

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.