

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 1, 2005 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  
Nancy Kirkwood, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joan Wagon, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR)

Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Introduction of bills**

Chairperson Allen called for bill introductions. Senator Taddiken appeared before the Committee with a bill request. He explained that in Kansas there is a property tax exemption that helps farmers get their crops out of the field and into storage. This bill would clarify that new hay structures would be included in the exemption. The proposed bill would clarify that the current property tax exemption for farm storage and drying equipment can only be taken one time for 8 years. The same exemption would now be allowed for farm storage structures designed to store hay. Senator Lee made a motion to introduce the bill, seconded by Senator Pine. The motion carried.

Chairperson Allen welcomed Secretary Wagon, KDOR, to give the Committee a briefing on enhanced delinquent tax collection efforts. The Secretary gave the Committee background information and a new compliance initiative (Attachment 1), an accounts receivable recovery chart (Attachment 2), Amnesty I and II Program Results (Attachment 3) and a copy of the Performance Audit Report done by the Legislative Division of Post Audit (Attachment 4). The Secretary explained to the Committee that current Kansas Statutes allow KDOR to request any licensing authority to provide KDOR a list of all their applicants, along with their SSN and addresses (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Allen announced to the Committee it had four bills to discuss and possibly work either today or tomorrow. The Committee is waiting for more information on two of the bills (SB 12 and SB 37).

The Chair recognized Melissa Wangemann, Deputy Assistant, Secretary of State, who presented a proposed balloon to SB 37. The Chair mentioned to the Committee the balloon has several amendments. At the hearing, when KCCI presented testimony, Senator Donovan had concerns about the requirement to report to the Secretary of State on par value of stock and number of shares, and the Secretary of State's office wanted to include some clean-up provisions for the bill. The balloon had one change not discussed at the hearing, a later effective date of January 1, 2006 (Attachment 6). Chairperson Allen informed the Committee it would not be working the bill today. However, she asked the Committee to look at the information provided before tomorrow's meeting.

### **Final action on**

#### **SB 13 - relating to confidentiality of information; disclosure**

Chairperson Allen called for discussion and final action on SB 13. Senator Lee made a motion to pass SB 13 favorably. Senator Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **SB 126 - amendment of tax rolls by county appraiser in certain circumstances and payment of tax under protest**

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chair called for final action on **SB 126**. Senator Lee made a motion to report **SB 126** favorably for passage as amended, seconded by Senator Jordan. The motion carried

Chairperson Allen announced the Committee would be taking final action on **SB 37**, and further discussion and possible action on **SB 12**, tomorrow.

The Chair reminded the Committee it had received the court decision related to issues addressed in **SB 127**, requested from yesterday's hearing on the bill (Attachment 7).

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.