

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:40 A.M. on March 26, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Nick Jordan- excused

Janis Lee-excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Ryan Hoffman, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Judy Swanson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing was held on **SR 1836--Requesting the Secretary of Revenue to seek a declaratory judgment regarding the suspension of election requirements under K.S.A. 79-5040.**

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an extensive background report on the elimination of the tax lid in Kansas, and further explaining why there are issues with procedural requirements being suspended.

Senator Pine reported several folks had been working on this issue for some time. He urged people to take notice of **SR 1836** so counties could move on with their budgets. The intent of the legislature was to eliminate the tax lid and move forward with new rules.

Senator Donovan said he recalled the original passage of the elimination of the tax lid, and did not feel this change in law served the same purpose.

Discussion was held as to why **SR 1836** was needed instead of a legislative bill. The argument was some would perceive the right to vote would be taken away. Senator Schmidt said if he were confident it could be "fixed" legislatively, he would do it, but, there seems to be a reasonable chance that could not happen in the House and could cause disastrous consequences.

Senator Pine moved to report SR 1836 favorable for passage. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Chairman Allen distributed a letter from Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Charlie Shields with an update of Missouri's action on a tax reciprocity bill. (Attachment 1)

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. No further meetings were scheduled at this time.