

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Larry Powell – Excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department

Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department

Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Judy Seitz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Discussion & possible action on:

Discussion on **SB48 - Sunset of property tax exemption for new qualifying pipeline property and retention of exemption for existing exemptions** was begun. Chair Donovan said the hearing was held on this bill in January.

Adam Siebers reviewed **SB48** which would remove the property tax exemption for new qualifying pipeline properties constructed after December 31, 2014. The bill would not affect the property tax exemption that was previously granted to new qualifying pipeline property.

There were questions from the Committee.

Chair Donovan asked if there was a representative of the pipeline industry who would like to make remarks to the Committee regarding **SB48**.

Michael Gillaspie, Manager Governmental Affairs, ONEOK, Inc. stated that the sunset of this exemption will disincentivize pipeline construction in Kansas. He also said that removal of this exemption will be detrimental to the long term growth of their energy industry.

*Senator Pilcher-Cook made a motion to pass **SB48** out favorably. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 1 with a hearing on **HB2240 - Removing prohibition against board of tax appeals employees serving as hearing officers.**