

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATIONThe meeting was called to order by Senator Paul "Bud" Burke at
Chairperson11:00 a.m./p.m. on February 15, 1983 in room 526-S of the Capitol.All members were present except: Senator Johnston (Excused)
Senator Mulich (Excused)Committee staff present: Wayne Morris, Research Dept.
Tom Severn, Research Dept.
Don Hayward, Revisor's OfficeConferees appearing before the committee: Don Stewart, Kansas Energy Office
Dick Hayter, Director of Kansas Energy Office
Bob Onek, architect

The chairman recognized Senator Kerr, sponsor of SB 144, who explained this bill which pertains to the incentives for putting in solar energy systems, both active and passive. This bill would extend the application of the solar energy system income tax credits to January 1, 1986. The current law requires an eligible system to be installed by July 1, 1983, to qualify for the credit. The bill also restricts the tax credit for active solar systems to those that have been certified by an independent national certification organization. Senator Kerr said perhaps there is a loophole in the present law which allows receiving a credit of \$1500 for only one system, and he wants to eliminate the systems that cannot live up to the standards.

The following appeared in support of SB 144:

Don Stewart, Kansas Energy Office, referred to the language on page 5 regarding the rating for certification and said it is a requirement only to meet certain minimum performance. It appears we are eliminating companies eligible for credit on these on-site built collectors. He said the on-site built collectors are those actually built on the site during home construction or from materials gathered from hardware stores and junk piles and could not undergo a rating. In response to an inquiry as to how you would establish how much tax credit could be allowed in exempting, he said to present cost of materials and labor and let the department determine whether eligible. Right now the exemption isn't based on whether a good or bad unit.

Dick Hayter, Director of the Kansas Energy Office, feels the need for limited credit might be unnecessary, that it is unfortunate to have to make modifications like that and possibly two or three tax credits should be received. He does support testing standards to test the performance of the collector and thereby provide a method for comparing two collectors.

Bob Onek, architect, told the committee our natural resources are dwindling and utility costs will continue to go up.

Bob Onek said no law proposes: 1) \$1500 per structure or household; 2) collector verification by engineering society or standards organization; 3) no allowance for the "innovator" to design his own, and he doesn't think the innovator should be ruled out. He suggested inserting a conservation clause and on page 5, line 164, following "storage", delete "or" and insert in lieu of "and"; 4) relate collector performance to known standards for storage capacities; 5) retain present tax credit and snug standards.

Senator Kerr stated that a letter from the Governor was written in support of SB 144.

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman at 11:35 a.m. The committee will meet on Wednesday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m.

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