

Approved: April 7, 1995
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Audrey Langworthy at 11:00 a.m. on April 6, 1995 in Room 519--S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senator Langworthy, Senator Corbin, Senator Martin,
Senator Bond, Senator Clark, Senator Hardenburger,
Senator Lee, Senator Ranson,
Senator Sallee and Senator Wisdom.

Committee staff present: Tom Severn, Legislative Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes
Elizabeth Carlson, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Corbin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 1995. The motion was seconded by Senator Martin. The motion carried.

SB 253--ELIMINATION OF TAX LEVY RATE AND AGGREGATE LIMITATIONS UPON LEVY OF PROPERTY TAX

Senator Langworthy said it seemed appropriate in light of the time and she asked what the committee would like to do about the tax lid. She said it has been her understanding that the House was going to take care of this but since it is so late in the session, she thinks it is time for Senate to give it consideration. A hearing was held on the current tax lid which expires on June 30, 1995 and if something is not done, the fund levy limits will go back into effect. She said she would like to entertain some discussion on whether or not the Committee would like to amend some form of tax lid into the fund levy limit bill.

Senator Bond made a motion to gut **HB 2209** and amend **SB 253** into it; the bill be amended to extend the current tax lid; language be added to the current tax lid that expenses incurred for the first time on or after January 1, 1966 for perpetuating specifically enacted programs for the purpose of controlling juvenile delinquency for cities; and the current tax lid be extended for 2 years. The motion was seconded by Senator Corbin.

Senator Bond spoke of crime having gone down over the nation except for juvenile crime which has increased significantly. Many cities have adopted different programs to help control juvenile delinquency and they have been very effective. These programs are expensive to administer and he said he would like to see them continued.

Senator Martin said the tax lid can be made tighter by limiting spending to 3% or 4%. There was discussion of cities and counties being able to charter out of the tax lid. It was said the cities and counties have not been the reason for the increase in the property taxes over the past 4 or 5 years, it has been the schools--the local option budgets and the bond issues. The committee also brought up **SB 41** which now has **SB 240** amended into it and what would happen if it passes the Senate this Session. Senator Bond said if it passes, a careful look will have to be taken at what is going to be done about the local budgets.

Senator Lee said she has recently heard of some states where if the valuation is increased, the mill levy is automatically lowered. Senator Langworthy said this issue had been presented to her a couple of weeks ago and Texas has a similar plan and she thinks it would be a good issue to look at in the interim.

Senator Ranson said she thought the motion should be divided; she would like to vote on the items separately.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION, Room 519-S
Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m. on April 6, 1995.

Senator Bond made a substitute motion to strike **HB 2209** and insert **SB 253** into **HB 2209**. The motion was seconded by Senator Ranson. The motion carried.

Senator Bond made a motion to maintain the current tax lid currently as written and place it in **HB 2209**. The motion was seconded by Senator Sallee. The motion carried.

Senator Bond made a motion to add to **HB 2209** a provision for cities to perpetuate their programs on juvenile delinquency. The motion was seconded by Senator Wisdom. The motion carried.

Senator Bond made a motion to extend the current tax lid for 2 years. The motion was seconded by Senator Wisdom.

Senator Martin made a substitute motion to make the tax lid a permanent tax lid. The motion was seconded by Senator Ranson. The motion carried.

Senator Ranson made a motion to insert the original **SB 41**, which was interest on refunds of protested property taxes, into **HB 2209**. The motion was seconded by Senator Clark. The motion carried.

Senator Bond made a motion to pass favorably **HB 2209** as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Corbin. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 1995.

SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

DATE: April 14, 1995

NAME	REPRESENTING
Christy Young	The Taxpayers Chamber of Comm
RICHARD BODEWALD	TAXPAYERS
David G. Monical	Washburn University
Art Brown	Mid-Am Unemployment
Janet Stubbs	Ks Bldg Ind. Assn.
ALAN STEPPAT	PETE MCGILL & ASSOC.
Bill Janice	BOEING
Nancy D. Marble	KCKs. Area Chamber
Blit Cantwell	KCK Chamber
Joanita Jessepe	Potowatomi Nation
Mamie Rasmussen	PPP Nation
Annis Brown	One & Job Nation
Steve York	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Christy Bailey	Senator Harris Staff
Wanda Yell	KMHA
Bob Toffen	Ks Contractors
David Hansen	Ks Insur Assoc
John Peterson	Raytheon Aircraft Co
Frances Kastner	Ks Food Dealers Assn

