

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Derek Schmidt at 10:30 a.m. on February 12, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jeff Colyer- excused
Senator Les Donovan- excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities
David Owens, Group Sales Manager for Enterprise Fleet Management
Brad Hall,
Richard Cram, Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice Chairman D. Schmidt opened the hearing on **SB 228** - Providing a property tax exemption for certain leased vehicles. Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 1) David Owens, Group Sales Manager for Enterprise Fleet Management also approved the bill. (Attachment 2) Tony Fulsom, Property Valuations, Department of Revenue pointed out that on page 5, lines 16 to 18 and on page 10, lines 23 to 25. Those two places in the bill have different dates for the bill to be effective. Gordon Self was asked to explain this. He said the dates should be the same. He will prepare an amendment to make a correction. The amendment is necessary in order to proceed with the bill. Discussion was closed.

The hearing on **SB 243** - Benefits for disabled veterans, was opened. Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, came to the podium to explain the bill. The first proponent was introduced by Vice Chairman D. Schmidt as a constituent of his district, Brad Hall. Mr. Hall is a Viet Nam Veteran, and his son, Michael C. Hall is a veteran of the Iraq War. Michael Hall was injured and is now on 100% disability. (Attachment 3)

Richard Cram, Department of Revenue, shared information regarding the fiscal impact of this bill. (Attachment 4)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman D. Schmidt at 11:20 a.m.