

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Corbin at 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2004, at the rail outside the Senate chamber.

All members were present except:

Senator Greta Goodwin- excused
Senator Mark Taddiken- excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Continued confirmation hearings on: Don R. Paxson and Thomas H. Slack, Members, State Board of Tax Appeals

With regard to Mr. Paxson, Senator Corbin explained that, although he currently does not have a CPA license, he practiced as a CPA for 40 years before retiring. He noted that the statutory requirement for the Board position he is filling is five years experience as a practicing CPA; therefore, Mr. Paxson is qualified to serve. With regard to Mr. Slack, Senator Corbin reminded the Committee that he had been interviewed earlier in the session. Senator Oleen clarified that after his interview it was determined that proper guidelines were followed when qualifying Mr. Slack to fill an unexpired term and subsequently fill a new term for a different position on the Board.

Senator Lee moved to approve Mr. Slack's appointment to the Board of Tax Appeals, seconded by Senator Buhler. The motion carried.

Senator Lee moved to approve Mr. Paxson's appointment to the Board of Tax Appeals, seconded by Senator Buhler. The motion carried with Senator Allen voting "No."

Senator Corbin discussed a previously heard bill, **HB 2682** concerning the sale and shipment of cigarettes to Kansas residents, licensure, requirements of dealers, and unlawful acts. He explained that the bill does not fit any bill in conference committee as a germane subject. Therefore, the only way deal with it is to pass it out of Committee. He noted that it came from the House unamended and that it has a positive fiscal note.

Senator Lee moved to recommend **HB 2682** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Donovan. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

No further meetings are scheduled.