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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Carlson at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Goico who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathy Beavers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Virgil Peck, Jr., Representative, District 11
Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities
David Owen, Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill introductions:

Representative King made a motion to introduce a bill concerning property taxation of stored natural gas. Representative Frownfelter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Carlson made a motion to introduce a bill for the purposes of Kansas Department of Revenue valuation of estates. Agricultural land owned by corporate entities, in addition to individuals, shall be valued at the lower agricultural rate. Representative Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2325 - Clarification of county sales tax rate authority.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2325**.

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee on **HB 2325** and stood for questions. The bill was drafted to help clarify the language for the counties. Discussion ensued.

The Chairman suggested that the bill would be a good study for an interim committee.

Representative Virgil Peck, Jr., Representative, District 11, testified in support of **HB 2325** (Attachment 1). Representative Peck stated that the intent of the bill is to clarify the statute so that the counties will understand that they are required to receive legislative approval before a tax increase vote is taken.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2325**.

SB 228 - Providing a property tax exemption for certain leased vehicles.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 228**.

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee on **SB 228** and stood for questions.

Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in support of **SB 228** (Attachment 2) and stood for questions. He stated that **SB 228** will allow non-profit organizations and government entities to be exempt from property tax on leased vehicles.

David Owen, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, testified in support of **SB 228** (Attachment 3). He stated that this legislation will level the playing field when financing the acquisition of vehicles by not-for-profit organizations and governmental bodies. It would not effect leased vehicles that are leased under a year. He stood for questions.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 228**.

Representative Carlson stated that the following bills will be worked at the March 11, 2009 meeting. They are:

HB 2269 - Property tax exemption for certain housing for the elderly, persons with disabilities or low income housing owned by certain organizations.

HB 2324 - Sales tax exemption requirements for certain retail businesses under Kansas enterprise zone act.

HB 2325 - Clarification of county sales tax rate authority.

HB 2353 - Adding disabled veterans as a class of claimants for purposes of the homestead property tax refund act.

Representative King reminded the subcommittee of the meeting today at 2:30 pm.

Representative Rardin introduced his pages for the day. They are Isaac Brethour, Thomas Peterson, and Anna Torchia.

Representative Lukert introduced his son, Brett, to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.