

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Edmonds at 12:15 p.m. March 27 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gilbert, excused  
Representative Howell, excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Don Hayward, Revisor  
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Senator Schmidt  
Representative Huebert  
Mike Mabrey, Southeast Kansas, Inc.

Others attending: See attached list.

Hearing was opened on  
HB 2574 - Property taxation concerning valuation of vessels

Representative Huebert addressed the Committee stating he had introduced this bill in response to request from a constituent who had brought to his attention that purchasers of boats were required to pay property taxes for the full year while in transfer of title to automobiles the taxes are prorated.

Hearing on HB 2574 was closed.

Hearing was opened on  
SB 146 - Expand job investment credit to rural counties

Senator Schmidt appeared in support of the bill and provided testimony (Attachment #1) describing the development initiatives and explained amendments made before it passed the Senate on a 40 to 0 vote. He said the bill was brought forward by Southeast Kansas, Inc., the regional economic development entity for Southeast Kansas, to expand the sales tax incentive that exists in the current Kansas Enterprise Zone Act to encourage retail business to locate or expand in the smallest and poorest counties in Kansas. Senator Schmidt responded to questions from the Committee members.

Mike Mabrey presented testimony in support of SB 146 on behalf of Southeast Kansas, Inc. which had requested its introduction.

Written testimony in support of the bill was presented by Leslie Kaufman on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (Attachment #2); Whitney Damron on behalf of the Coffey County Commission and Coffee County Economic Development (Attachment #3); and by Jon Hotaling, Director of the Coffey County Economic Development Department. (Attachment #4).

Hearing on SB 146 was closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The Committee considered **SB 68** and **SB 69** on which hearings were held March 20.

Representative Palmer moved to amend **SB 68** to change the residential exemption from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Representative Sharp seconded. Motion to amend was adopted.

Representative T. Powell moved to recommend **SB 68** favorable for passage as amended.

Representative Huff seconded. Motion was adopted.

Representative Gatewood moved to merge provisions of **SB 68** as amended into **SB 69**. Representative L. Powell seconded. Motion was adopted.

Representative Mays moved to amend **SB 69** to reauthorize 20 mills for 2001-02 school year and drop the mill levy to 18 mills for 2002-2003 school year. Representative T. Powell seconded. Motion was adopted.

Representative Palmer moved to amend **SB 69** to include amendment of K.S.A. 79-2952b to require that the resolution or ordinance be adopted “following the publishing thereof once each week for two consecutive weeks in the newspaper having the greatest circulation and widest dissemination within the taxing subdivision”. Representative Findley seconded.

Representative Wilson moved a substitute motion to designate “official newspaper of the county” in place of “newspaper having the greatest circulation and widest dissemination within the taxing subdivision”. Representative Gatewood seconded. Motion was adopted.

Representative Mays moved **SB 69** be recommended favorably for passage as amended. Representative Vickrey seconded. Motion was adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 28.