

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:40 A.M. on January 11, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Derek Schmidt- excused  
Les Donovan- excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Judy Swanson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joan Wagon, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list.

Joan Wagon, Secretary of Kansas Department of Revenue, requested bill introductions concerning E-file readiness, Social Security numbers on agency license applications, and Streamlined Sales Tax changes. (Attachment 1) She distributed a magazine article concerning percentage of individual Kansas taxpayers who voluntarily e-file. (Attachment 2)

Senator Lee moved for introduction of the bills as requested by Kansas Department of Revenue. Senator Pine seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Secretary Wagon presented a summary of the Governor's Tax Reform Proposal. (Attachment 3) Rate reduction and simplification of tax incentives were the two highest priorities of the Governor's work group. The recommendations were:

- business tax rate reductions
- business tax incentives/tax credits
- removal of barriers in state laws that discourage consolidation or prevent more efficient use of tax dollars by local governments

Secretary Wagon reviewed each recommendation. She will provide Committee members The Tax Foundation Study at a later date. She presented the Outlook for the State General Fund. (Attachment 4) Committee discussion was held concerning the projections on this report.

The House Taxation Committee will introduce the suggested legislation as requested in the Governor's Tax Reform Proposal.

Senator Jordan moved to approve the Minutes of the January 10 Committee meeting. Senator Lee seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Being no further business the Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Next meeting will be January 16.