

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:30 a.m. on March 11, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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:

Rep. Pat George,
Ron Allen, Manager, Pawnee Watershed District and interim manager of the Horse Thief Reservoir District

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **HB 2321 - Political subdivision under the Kansas retailers' sales tax act to include horsethief reservoir benefit district.** The first proponent was Rep. Pat George. He explained this bill is to correct a technicality in a bill (HB2582) passed in 2004. That bill created a benefit district that has now been determined not to be a political subdivision. HB 2321 will give Horsethief Reservoir Benefit District subdivision status as a political subdivision. Rep. George went on to explain his support of this bill. (Attachment 1)

Ron Allen, Manager, Pawnee Watershed District and interim manager of the Horse Thief Reservoir District, also spoke in support of this bill. Passage of this bill would be a savings to the Benefit District, and mean more funds would be available for construction of facilities used by the public. (Attachment 2) Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2321.**

Chairman Donovan asked what the committee's wishes were for bills remaining in the committee. After discussion, Sen. Brownlee moved HB 2172 - Permanent exclusion from sales taxation of certain cash rebates on sales or leases of new motor vehicles, be passed out of committee to the floor. Sen Colyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Donovan asked for approval on the minutes. Sen. Brownlee pointed out two errors in the minutes for March 4. Sen. Brownlee moved the committee approve the March 4 minutes as corrected, and also approve the March 5 minutes. Sen. Apple seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.