Approved: February 20, 2006

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:30 A.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Committee discussion was held on <u>SB 465</u>, increasing income tax credit for adoption of certain Kansas children.

Senator Bruce made a motion to strike the words "child from a minority group" from **SB 465**. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Senator Bruce made a motion to amend SB <u>465</u> to qualify only if all children from the entire sibling group available for adoption are adopted, and the credit should apply to each child. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. No action was taken on the motion.

Gordon Self will prepare a balloon amendment to <u>SB 465</u> for Committee consideration.

Chairman Allen requested the SRS definition of "sibling group" and "special needs" children.

<u>SB 443</u>, claims for exemption from property tax for farm storage and drying equipment and hay storage structure, was discussed.

Senator Schmidt moved to amend SB **443** on page 1, line 18 and 19 by removing the strike thru line, and to further amend the bill on page 1, line 19 by deleting the word "second", and then recommend the amended bill favorable for passage. Senator Pine seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Bruce moved to amend **SB 444** on page 2, line 17, by inserting the word "farm" after the word "operating". Senator Schmidt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Senator Bruce made a motion to recommend **SB 444** as amended favorable for passage. Senator Pine seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Senator Schmidt moved to approve the Minutes of the February 14 committee meeting. Senator Pine seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.