

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:35 A.M. on February 14, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Nick Jordan- excused

Pat Apple- excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research

Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office

Nancy Kirkwood, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Melissa Gregory, Director of Appointments for the Governor

Rebecca Crotty

Joan Wagnon, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR)

Mike Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP)

Phil Wilkes, Attorney, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Confirmation hearing on:

Rebecca W. Crotty, State Board of Tax Appeals

Melissa Gregory, Director of Appointments for Governor Sebelius, introduced Ms. Crotty, noting that she would answer any questions the Committee may have concerning her appointment. A copy of Ms. Crotty's Senate confirmation summary was distributed to Committee members. (Attachment 1)

Senator Lee made a motion for Senate approval of Ms. Crotty's appointment to the Board of Tax Appeals, seconded by Senator Goodwin. The motion carried.

Hearing on:

SB 195 - Concerning the disposition of seized firearms

Secretary Wagnon appeared before the Committee in support of **SB 195**. Secretary Wagnon stated **SB 195** would give the Department the flexibility to transfer seized weapons to:

- 1) The Kansas State Historical Society if the weapons have historical value
- 2) The Secretary of KDWP to be used in hunter safety training
- 3) The KBI
- 4) Local law enforcement where the weapon was seized

As part of the transfer process, the weapon will be appraised, and the taxpayer will be notified of the appraised value, which is credited toward the taxpayer's tax liability. Secretary Wagnon stated KDOR had the support of the local law enforcement on **SB 195**.

Mike Hayden, Secretary of KDWP, presented testimony in support of **SB 195**. Secretary Hayden stated KDWP feels that many of the firearms could be used within the hunter education program for live fire exercises, or permanently disabled for use as training aids for classrooms and safety scenarios. (Attachment 2)

Phil Wilkes, Attorney, KDOR, handed out to the Committee the Kansas Drug Tax Assessment & Collection Statistics from FY88 through FY04 (Attachment 3), and a copy of the guns seized prior to 2004 (Attachment 4). Mr. Wilkes stood available for questions from the Committee.

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There being no others wishing to testify on **SB 195**, the Chair closed the hearing.

PVD furnished the Committee a copy of the annual report compiling the valuations and in lieu-of tax collections of Economic Development and Industrial Revenue Bond properties as required by K.S.A. 79-1467b (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Allen informed the Committee **SB 13** was re-referred back to committee last week from the Senate floor, and the Committee would be discussing it further on Wednesday or Thursday.

Approval of minutes

Senator Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes for January 26, February 2, 8, 9, 10. The motion, seconded by Senator Lee carried.

The Chair reminded the Committee it would be meeting tomorrow, 10:45 a.m., at the Division of Motor Vehicles, KDOR, for a demonstration surrounding the security of drivers licenses.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.