

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:55 a.m. on February 4, 2003, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Clark and Pugh

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator James Barnett  
Whitney Damron, City of Topeka

Others attending: See attached list.

Senator James Barnett requested the introduction of a bill on behalf of Chase County. The bill would allow Chase County the opportunity to raise the sales tax up to one percent upon voter approval for the purpose of refurbishing the county courthouse.

Senator Donovan moved to introduce the bill as requested by Senator Barnett, seconded by Senator Buhler. The motion carried.

Whitney Damron, representing the City of Topeka, requested the introduction of a bill which would authorize the City of Topeka to place before the voters a one-fourth cent sales tax increase to be used to finance the costs of rebuilding the Topeka Boulevard bridge. (Attachment 1)

Senator Goodwin moved to introduce the bill as requested by Mr. Damron, seconded by Senator Taddiken. The motion carried.

Senator Corbin reported that, as recommended by the 2002 Interim Committee on Assessment and Taxation, a joint taxation committee met to develop a bill concerning the issue of the property tax exemption for independent living units owned by not-for-profit nursing homes. The Revisor of Statutes subsequently drafted a bill as requested by the joint committee.

Senator Oleen moved to introduce the bill as drafted, seconded by Senator Goodwin. The motion carried.

Senator Oleen moved to introduce a bill which would provide that no city or county can opt out from the 20 mill property tax for school finance, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

Senator Corbin moved to introduce a bill which would reauthorize the 20 mill property tax for school finance

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and extend the residential exemption to the extent of \$20,000 for the next two years, seconded by Senator Donovan. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2002.