

Climate Legislation Pushed to Spring 2010

Earlier this week, U.S. Senate Democratic leadership announced that it plans to schedule floor debate on major climate and energy legislation for the spring of 2010. This is a departure from their previous goal of having a climate bill ready in time for the Copenhagen Climate Conference to be held in December. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced on November 16th the Senate would attempt to pass legislation addressing financial reform before undertaking floor action on energy and climate legislation.

Federal oil and gas tax provisions remain at risk. The industry's tax provisions are most at risk in a tax title of a broader energy bill or an end-of-year tax extender bill in which Congress must renew temporary tax credits or deductions under its pay-as-you-go rules that require an offsetting tax increase.

KIOGA continues to fight against attempts by the federal government to impose additional tax increases and regulatory hurdles on the oil and natural gas industry. KIOGA has been working hard to meet these challenges throughout 2009 and is prepared to continue our aggressive campaigns in the weeks and months ahead and into the next Congress.

"We cannot be silent with this Congress," said Edward Cross, KIOGA President. "We must voice our concerns. KIOGA continues to educate policymakers, media, and the public on the issues. We will continue our diligent efforts to expose the flaws of oil and natural gas tax proposals, climate change proposals, and hydraulic fracturing proposals."

Kansas Revenue Projections Fall Dramatically

On November 5th, the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group projected state revenues would be \$235.2 million less than anticipated. Governor Parkinson vowed to make the necessary state budget cuts himself to square up the FY 2010 state budget instead of trying to push a rescission bill through the legislature at the start of the 2010 session. The state is getting near the point where entire programs may be wiped out due to the recession. Oil and gas severance tax receipts to the state were up nearly 44% last year and ad valorem tax collections to the counties have rose over 17% last year. The 2010 legislative session will most likely see tax and tax exemptions scrutinized in an atmosphere that could be very challenging.

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Upcoming Events

Petroleum Geology of Kansas Short Course

December 2-3, 2009
Wichita, Kansas

KIOGA Board Meeting & Suppliers Christmas Party

December 9, 2009
Wichita, Kansas

Start of 2010 Kansas Legislative Session

January 11, 2010
Topeka, Kansas

Kansas Oil & Gas Day Legislative Reception

February 4, 2010
Topeka, Kansas