

ASSEMBLY

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WAYS AND MEANS - TAXATION
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF
MARCH 28, 1973

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MESSRS. ROBINSON
SMALLEY
DEMERS

GUESTS PRESENT: MESSRS. JACK SHEEHAN, TAX COMMISSION
ERNEST NEWTON, TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. This subcommittee meeting was called to discuss AB 201.

AB 201 Discussion

SUMMARY - Provides property tax assistance for senior citizens.

Mr. Smalley and Mr. Demers stated that they had reviewed the proposed amendment to AB 201.

Assemblyman Demers made a motion to "DO PASS AB 201 AS AMENDED", third revision.

Assemblyman Smalley seconded the motion.

Mr. Hafen arrived and Dr. Robinson explained that the committee was about to hold an adoption of the third revision of proposed amendments to AB 201.

Voting results are as follows:

Voting Yea

Robinson
Smalley
Demers

Voting Nay

Hafen

The motion was carried.

Mr. Sheehan explained that the filing date for the claimants would be the first day of July. The reason for this is that the tax bills are issued the last few days of June or the first of July and the claimant must know how much the taxes are before he can file for a refund. The claimant then has July and August to file the claim. The Commission would then have to determine the refund during September and October and issue the refund by the first of November. He stated that setting a date on the rebate would not effect the bill.

Assemblyman Demers made a motion to "ADD SECTION 29 TO

STATE THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE WOULD BE UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL TO THE AMENDMENTS."

Assemblyman Smalley seconded the motion.

Mr. Hal Smith had arrived and was included in the voting for this motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Robinson stated that he would submit the amendments to the Ways and Means Committee at the March 29th meeting. Mr. Demers stated that he would present them to the Taxation committee.

Mr. Haven apologized for being late and wished to question why AB 201 was being considered instead of SB 31 which includes the rentors. Chairman Robinson commented that SB 31 was not under consideration by the subcommittee because it had not been submitted to Ways and Means as yet.

There was discussion on the cost of this program. Chairman Robinson stated that it was set at \$2,250,000 for two years. The cost could not exceed that amount, and only a 1.1 million ceiling would apply for each year.

Mr. Hafen questioned if there was a termination date on the program and thought that there should be in the resolution.

Assemblyman Hafen made a motion to "AMEND THE REVISION TO STATE THAT IT WOULD BE THE INTENTION TO TERMINATE THIS ACT BY THE END OF THE NEXT BIENIUM".

Assemblyman Fry having arrived, seconded the motion.

Mr. Smalley did not think that this should be done without knowing what the study would show. Mr. Sheehan explained that the next session of the Legislature would meet before that date and the results would be available for review by that Legislature. Mr. Fry commented the intention of the limitation is that the study will be examined and not set aside.

Mr. Schofield arrived.

Mr. Hafen wished to revise his previous motion and add a Section 30 stating "THIS ACT SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1975."

Voting results are as follows:

Voting Yea

Robinson
Fry
Smith
Schofield
Hafen

Voting Nay

Demers
Smalley

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Mr. Sheehan clarified Section 21 (5) the last sentence to Mr. Smith's satisfaction.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Mr. Demers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Smalley. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Benjamin