

WAYS AND MEANS - TAXATION  
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF  
APRIL 2, 1973

Monday 3:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MESSRS. ROBINSON DEMERS  
SMALLEY  
HAFEN  
SMITH  
SCHOFIELD

GUESTS PRESENT: MESSRS. JACK SHEEHAN  
JAMES RATHBUN

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. This subcommittee meeting was called to discuss SB 91.

SB 91 Discussion

SUMMARY - Provides property tax assistance for senior citizens.

Chairman Robinson asked the subcommittee for questions concerning the proposed amendments to SB 91. (copy of amendments attached as # 1)

Mr. Smalley believed that the ceiling specified in these amendments should remain as is stated.

The program would cost 1.5 million for the two years or \$713,000 for each year. Of the \$713,000, \$60,000 would be for administration. It was felt that perhaps the ceiling should be lowered, but Mr. Sheehan felt that the ceiling was adequate in case there are more claims than expected. There is a proration for this measure and if there is a surplus the money will revert back to the general fund at the end of the bienium.

Mr. Hafen questioned if any evaluation or assessments will be done, but Mr. Sheehan explained that the tax bill will have already been made and sent out and the amount of tax will have already been established. This amount is all that is necessary in relation to this bill's calculation except for the income. The bill contains a section that defines income but on a very broad scale. (page 3 of atch #1)

Chairman Robinson explained that on the bottom of page 14 the termination date is stated. The date would be automatic. (Section 34)

Mr. Demers questioned Mr. Sheehan as to whether he had adequate personnel to administer this measure, and Mr. Sheehan explained that the \$60,000 would be for four additional people to supplement present personnel for the processing of the claims. During the less active periods

these four people would be involved in auditing the various accounts and other relative matters.

Mr. Smith felt that perhaps it might be wise to include in this measure some mechanism of developing some information on the rentors. Mr. Sheehan commented that there were a few proposals being considered that would direct the Tax Commission or some other agency to do a study for this. Mr. Rathbun added that through the normal administration of the Tax Commission some of these statistics could be built up.

Assemblyman Schofield made a motion to "DO PASS SB 31 AS AMENDED with the change of \$2,500,000 to \$1,500,000 on page 9 of the proposed amendments."

Assemblyman Demers seconded the motion.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

This bill will now be submitted to both committees on Taxation and Ways and Means.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Curdy Benjamin*