

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - February 11, 1975

The second meeting of the Senate Taxation Committee was held on February 11, 1975 in Room 323. Senator Brown called the meeting to order to 2:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mahlon Brown
Senator Echols
Senator Close
Senator Hilbrecht
Senator Wilson
Senator Raggio

See Exhibit A for others present.

S.J.R. 3 -- Adds urban renewal projects to the classes of property that the legislature may exempt from taxation.

Senator Young advised the committee that he was requested by Ed Cardinal, Reno Unlimited, and Marty Johnson to have this bill drafted. The bill would make possible tax increment financing. The result of the bill would be that areas could be condemned by the city, and the private developers would lease the land and pay taxes at a frozen price which was set at the time of purchase. This would allow development of areas such as downtown Reno which has not been possible because of people buying new locations to prevent competition.

Following further discussion on this matter, Senator Brown advised that this bill will be heard again on Monday, February 17, at p.m. adjournment.

A.B. 60 -- Changes distribution of aviation fuel tax from monthly to quarterly.

Jim Rathbun, Tax Commission, spoke in favor of this bill which was prepared by the Tax Commission. Mr. Rathbun further stated that on occasions, because a particular county will transfer out more gallonage than it transfers in, they end up with a debit distribution, and this causes bookkeeping problems.

Senator Raggio moved "Do Pass"; seconded by Senator Close; unanimously carried.

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A.B. 61 -- Clarifies statutory language relating to use of property assessment factors.

Mr. Rathbun spoke in favor of the bill, stating that what is available and what is applicable are sometimes two different things. The State Board would determine what is applicable. Senator Wilson commented that the wording "applicable" sounds like a rule of exclusion; the problem is one of semantics, in that the terms being used (criteria) are in terms of weight. Senator Raggio agreed with Senator Wilson's comments.

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S.J.R. 15* -- Proposes constitutional amendment to permit assessment of owner-occupied dwellings and land at lower rate.

The committee members agreed that they would like to have more time to study S.J.R. 15*; therefore Senator Brown will reschedule this bill in approximately two weeks.

Being no further business at this time, Senator Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon W. Maher
Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

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* of the 57th Session.

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