

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 17, 1975

The regular meeting of the Senate Taxation Committee was held on Monday, February 17, 1975, in Room 231. Senator Brown called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 61 and 63: Senator Brown announced that due to the holiday today, it was not possible to have testimony from representatives on these bills and, therefore, they will be placed on the next agenda.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION #3: Adds urban renewal projects to the classes of property that the legislature may exempt from taxation.

Chairman Brown explained that this resolution had been introduced by Senator Young, however, he has asked that this not be considered by the Committee at this time.

A motion was introduced by Senator Hilbrecht that action on SJR3 be postponed indefinitely; seconded by Senator Close and carried unanimously.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION #15*: Proposes constitutional amendment to permit assessment of owner-occupied dwellings and land at lower rate.

A brief discussion was held on the merits of this measure. It was determined that additional information should be obtained on the financial impact prior to action by the Committee.

SJR15* to be on the agenda in one month.

SENATE BILL 167: Provides for separate appraisal, valuation and partial deferred taxation of agricultural and open space real property.

Informal discussion on the measure; no committee action.

Respectfully submitted,

Nycki Kinsley
 Nycki Kinsley, Committee
 Secretary

APPROVED:

B. Mahlon Brown
 Senator B. Mahlon Brown, Chairman

* of the 57th Session, see attached.

explaining that this exemption would place an additional burden on neighboring property owners.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was introduced by Senator Dodge that this bill be killed in committee; motion seconded by Senator Pozzi and carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 222 Allows property tax exemption for homes containing fall-out shelters.

Brief discussion; motion by Senator Pozzi to kill Senate Bill 222 in committee, seconded by Senator Swobe and carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 224 Provides tax credit of five percent on ad valorem taxes for fiscal years 1973-1974 and 1974-1975.

Senator Dodge moved to defer action on this bill at this time; seconded by Senator Swobe and carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 273 Exempts the Nevada Artists Association from the property taxes imposed by Chapter 361 of NRS.

Senator Pozzi explained the members of the Nevada Artists Association were under the impression they were included in the tax exemption organizations, however, upon learning they were not, they had requested legislation to include their Association.

It was the feeling of the members of the Taxation Committee that this would be setting a precedent for many similar organizations and could create a financial problem. A motion was introduced by Senator Dodge, seconded by Senator Close to recommend do not pass; motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 302 Removes 10 percent limitation on funds apportioned from county road fund to cities.
and

SENATE BILL 304 Provides tax exempt status for joint municipal organizations.

Mr. Bob Warren, speaking for the Nevada Municipal Association, asked that action on the two above bills be deferred until he could obtain additional information and have representatives from his Association present.

Chairman Brown advised these two bills will be considered by the Taxation Committee on Thursday, March 1st. Mr. Warren was requested to provide language defining "joint municipal organizations".

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15 Provides constitutional amendment to permit assessment of owner occupied dwellings and land at lower rate.

Senator Swobe has requested this as a constitutional amendment, however,

Mr. Sheehan asked that this be deferred until a later date, in order that he can make figures available to the committee that are pertinent to this subject.

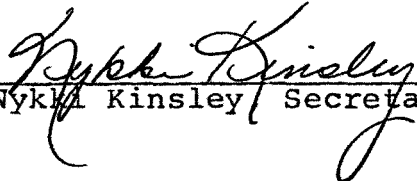
Action deferred.

ASSEMBLY BILL 106 Mr. Rodriguez advised the members that this bill is identical to one passed recently by the Senate (Senate Bill #90) and, therefore, is not necessary.

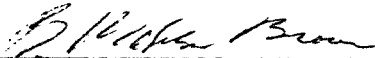
ASSEMBLY BILL 140 is similar to Senate Bill 200 and, inasmuch as the Senate Bill is preferred, Senator Brown will contact the Assemblymen with regard to withdrawing Assembly Bill 140.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Nykia Kinsley, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator B. Mahlon Brown, Chairman

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION #15 - Senator Swobe requested this bill be opened for discussion inasmuch as it relates to the same subject of tax relief.

SJR #15 - Proposes constitutional amendment to permit assessment of owner occupied dwellings and land at lower rate.

Senator Swobe, introducer of the resolution, explained that the only way we can afford tax relief to the property owner is by changing the provision for assessment in the constitution itself. He explained that every time we try to get home owner relief, we are bound by restrictions.

This resolution would be merely enabling legislation which would allow the legislature to set assessment of owner occupied dwellings and land at a lower rate, if they so desired. The amendment would take six years to become effective, but this would give the legislature the latitude to make the necessary changes.

In his opinion, this is the only way to help the home owner and help him substantially.

He requested figures from Mr. John Sheehan, Nevada Tax Commission on the fiscal impact this would have and has received the following information: The resolution permits a maximum 25 percent reduction in ad valorem tax; and, under the proposal, the counties would lose an estimated \$7,159,171.00, while the State would lose an estimated \$414,563.00.


Speaking in support of this resolution were Mr. Newton, N.T.A., Senator Wilson, Mr. Gene Milligan, Nevada Association of Realtors.

There being no further discussion, a motion was introduced by Senator Close to recommend "do pass" on SJR #15; motion seconded by Senator Swobe and carried unanimously.

Senator Dodge requested information from Mr. Sheehan in reference to Senate Bill #224 on the numbers of people that are involved as home owners; should consider apartments, condominiums, etc., as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Nykki I. Kinsley, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Senator B. Mahlon Brown, Chairman

SENATE

COMMITTEE ON TAXATIONDATE: FEBRUARY 17, 1975 TIME P.M. Adj. ROOM 231Bill or Resolution
to be ConsideredSubject

SJR 3

Adds urban renewal projects to the classes of property that the legislature may exempt from taxation.

A.B. 61

Clarifies statutory language relating to use of property assessment factors.

A.B. 63

Requires county assessor to notify taxpayer of assessed valuation of his property following appraisal or reappraisal.

S.J.R. 15
of the 57th Session

Proposes constitutional amendment to permit assessment of owner-occupied dwellings and land at lower rate.