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Assembly Committee on TAXATION AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATOR GLASER, CHAIRMAN

SENATOR DON ASHWORTH

SENATOR SLOAN

SENATOR LAMB

ASSEMBLYMAN PRICE, CHAIRMAN

ASSEMBLYMAN CRADDOCK

ASSEMBLYMAN CHANEY

ASSEMBLYMAN DINI

ASSEMBLYMAN MANN

ASSEMBLYMAN BERGEVIN

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL ASSEMBLYMAN TANNER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SENATOR DODGE

SENATOR KOSINSKI SENATOR RAGGIO

ASSEMBLYMAN COULTER

ASSEMBLYMAN RUSK

ASSEMBLYMAN WEISE

Chairman Glaser called the meeting to order in the Assembly Lounge. He stated that Mr. Price and he had worked out some subcommittee assignments to work on the different aspects of the two Taxation Committee proposals. He added that there were certain areas where the proposals are pretty close together and there are other areas where suggestions have been made that perhaps could be resolved. A copy of these subcommittee assignments are attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Mr. Tanner inquired what the time frame for these subcommittees would be, to which Senator Glaser stated that he would hope that they would complete their work in the next two days.

Senator Glaser continued by stating that in determining the total cost there were two unresolved areas and that he felt that the general consensus of both committees, and the Governor recommended it, was to clean up several areas that have been shared between the cites and counties. One was the Real Estate Transfer Tax and other the State Gaming Tax. Senator Glaser asked for a show of hands of those present as to whether they favored the Governor's recommendation.

Senator Lamb interjected that he felt before taking this action they should determine the amount of money that the final package is going to cost as this will determine the areas that they could create more relief in. He continued that even with the best package they come up with they are still \$10,000,000 away from the Governor's projected amount of income. He suggested that they go a little slow on any more relief until they know how much money there is going to be.

Senator Sloan inquired how they would respond to the cities and counties that are going to lose money under the package taking This is going to replace that revenue off the sales tax on food. that is lost.

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Senator Lamb agreed that the legislature could not leave them "high and dry" and that something would have to be done.

Mr. Mann stated that he felt that in those two areas they needed those as a "wash" on the sales tax on food. He added that he felt that there was enough flexibility capital improvement that they could one shot the deficit for one year and that was the year they were worried out. He pointed out that they had recieved testimony that would indicated that the second year would make it up.

Senator Lamb stated that they had just received information this morning in Senate Finance from Howard Barrett and Ron Sparks that they feel things are going to get a little "tougher" instead of better.

Senator Glaser stated that he felt that the problem that the subcommittee on this would have to deal with would be if they use revenues from a past year to offset tax relief in a coming year that they don't build a level of tax relief that can't be kept up with.

Mr. Mann stated that they had received testimony from Mr. Barrett that based on projections of the 20% increase in entertainment tax that they have already had, that we're not going to have that problem in the second year.

Senator Lamb stated that if they were to take Mr. Barrett's figures right now, they would be \$3,000,000 in the red.

Mr. Mann stated that he felt that what they have to realize is that the only chance they have against Question 6 is to come up with enough benefits that it is meaningful and that they can't afford a conservative approach to the tax benefits that the people are going to receive.

Senator Glaser stated that the two committees would meet again Tuesday night for some tentative reports from the subcommittees. The meeting was adjourned so that subcommittees could begin to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Gagnier,

Assembly Attache

JOINT ASSEMBLY AND SENATE TAXATION SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) Tanner's Triple Net Renter Pass Thru

*Assemblyman Tanner Senator Don Ashworth Assemblyman Dini Senator Sloan

(2) Coordination Committee

A- Trigger and detrigger

B- State, County and City - Metro caps

*Senator Kosinski Assemblyman Bergevin Senator Raggio

Assemblyman Mann Assemblyman Weise

(3) School Cap

*Assemblyman Rusk Assemblyman Coulter Senator Dodge

(4) Food Tax

*Assemblyman Craddock Assemblyman Chaney Senator Glaser

(5) Total Relief Costs and General Fund Balance

*Senator Lamb Assemblyman Weise Assemblyman Marvel

(6) Mechanical Problems

Assemblyman Price

Resource Persons:

Ed Schorr Dan Miles

*Subcommittee chairman