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MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON TAXATION - ASSEMBLY 55TH SESSION,
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Present: Hafen, Young, Getto, Smith, Espinoza, Hilbrecht,
Schouweiler, Swackhamer

Absent: Tyson

Guests: Ernest L. Newton, Nevada Taxpayers Association
Ray Knisley
Dave Branch

Meeting was convened by Chairmen Hafen at 8:00 am.

The following announcements were made: Joint meeting in the Senate chamber this afternoon at 3:00 on the soft drink tax. Jim Bailey of Motor Vehicles will talk tomorrow on AB 548. SB-218 will be discussed tomorrow. Civil Air Patrol will talk on AB 425 Friday. Next Tuesday, discussion will be AB 652.

AB 534 - Amends bank share tax law. Hafen indicated that there had been correspondence from banks and savings and loan associations. A group from Las Vegas had been scheduled to appear, but they did not have their figures ready. It was indicated that the banks did not like this bill at this point.

Mr. McKissick spoke on this bill and pointed out that savings and loan associations were getting a tax break, but they didn't get the benefit of moneys in banking accounts as banks do so they are entitled to a break. Would like to withdraw the bill on the grounds that this is not the time.

Mr. Hafen indicated that Mr. Quilici indicated that savings and loan associations are moving into different fields and are still operating in the "red", and that it would be an inopportune time to put a tax on them at this time. It was brought out that this would triple their taxes. Mr. Hafen recommended that nothing be done with this bill at this time.

It was motioned and seconded that this bill be postponed, and was carried unanimously. ^{INDUBITABLY}

Getto was added to committee for redraft of AJR relative to personal property tax.

AB-515 - Requires housing authority to make in lieu tax payments.

Smith motioned 'do kill', seconded by Hilbrecht; motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Hafen stated that there would be another bill coming in from the Retired Teachers Association as soon as they get together their information.

AB-360 - Clarifies methods and procedures involved in valuation and assessment of property.

Mr. Hafen brought out that one of the important things that this bill does is to give the county recorder the right to subpoena records.

Discussion followed on the wording of the bill; it was felt that the assessor could use the tax method he wished.

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Mr. Newton discussed the factor of comparable sales in the community and felt that this could not be used. It was also stated that in the valuation of property, casinos and other businesses located adjacent should not have the same tax basis.

Hilbrecht suggested that on line 4, page 1, that it be changed to "of equalization shall [give weight] compute such value using each of the following factors for which". This would give assessors five methods they could use any of them and if the taxpayer insisted must use all of others. Assessor can use option and if taxpayer doesn't give information, the assessor can't be criticized.

An example was given where 40 acres was sold for \$1,000,000; however, this was not the value of any of the land adjacent and the purchasers found it difficult to prove that this should not be the value for tax purposes.

Mr. Young was excused from the meeting.

Hilbrecht is to work up corrections to this bill.

The capitalization rate was discussed; it was brought out that the Nugget and other businesses could not be capitalized at the same basis. It was felt that more than one category should be used.

AB-387 - Includes livestock with "free port" tax exemption.

There was a discussion of the wording on the second page.

Wording of Page 2, Lines 6 and 7 to read " 'Warehouse' includes any enclosed area in which livestock are watered, fed and cared for or in which personal property is stored."

Discussion followed regarding the inequalities of the present tax.

Line 5, Page 2, to read "[and] , slaughtering of livestock, and the subjection of personal property in a warehouse to a manufacturing process."

Getto is to work up the amendments.

Getto moved a 'do pass' incorporating the above amendments; Schouweiler seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilbrecht brought up the lobby group that were in the assembly yesterday. He stated that this group felt that the people in the state were willing to pay taxes for education, but that the legislators were not willing to pass these taxes. He recommended that the legislators draft a bill to place on the election ballot a 3% sales tax earmarked for education (specifically teachers' salaries) and would be collected with the regular sales tax.

This was discussed and Mr. Hafen suggested that this be discussed again in a few days.

AB-546 - Eliminates casino entertainment tax on admissions.

Page 1, Line 24 to read "If any minimum charge is made for seating or other service in a place where refreshment is ordinarily served, the amount of such charge is taxable under this section."

Due to lack of time, this was not acted upon.

The meeting adjourned.