

ASSESSOR REPORTS

Many Tax Bills Before State Assembly, Senate

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With so much attention focused on the Unruh-Petris tax package and the Governor's alternate package...

Yet, more than 250 bills are in the hopper, each of which could affect our property tax bills in some degree.

AB 2015 is one of the most far-reaching. This bill, introduced by Assemblymen Badham, Thomas, Pattee, and Zenovich, would exempt all personal property...

it would leave other kinds of personal property such as equipment, boats, airplanes, livestock, etc., still subject to taxation.

It seems unlikely that the legislature would knowingly impose so stiff a penalty on homeowners.

Several other bills provide for a way of taxing business inventories by an annual averaging process.

his greatest advantage in any year. The Assessor's Association supports the averaging method, but on a mandatory basis.

Still another set of bills attacks the problem of changing the assessment lien date from the first Monday in March to some other date.

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Another group of bills attempts to provide property tax relief for elderly homeowners with limited incomes.

age and income qualifications; some add the requirement that the homeowner must have lived in California a specified number of years.

These bills fall into two categories — those which would grant outright exemptions from \$5,000 to \$20,000 in assessed value, and those which would grant cash rebates for a part of one's property tax bill.

Our office estimates that the various proposed exemptions for elderly homeowners could result in a loss of up to 12 per cent of the assessment roll, with a tax shift about equal to that which would be caused by the exemption of inventories.

Since the rebate method has the advantage of leaving local government revenues untouched, with no shift in burden, this type of tax relief seems to have more support than the exemption method.

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the veteran exemption must go on the ballot to be ratified by the voters.

Then there is a scattering of special interest bills — bills to exempt aircraft in the hands of manufacturers and dealers and pleasure boats, several bills to give special assessment treatment to agricultural land, and a bill to require the Los Angeles County Assessor, only, to provide assessment estimates to all taxing agencies by May 15.

Another bill of special interest to our county would begin and end the two-month period for filing equalization petitions a month earlier than at present.

My proposals for a Constitutional amendment and enabling legislation to establish a two per cent over-all property tax limitation were introduced early in the session by Assemblyman Tom Carrell. To date, neither has been set for hearing.

There is one final group of bills which could drastically affect our property taxes—the various "single tax" proposals which, either through outright exemption of personal property and buildings or through the use of different tax rates on land and improvements, essentially seek to place the major tax burden on land only.

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Palos Verdes Professor To Head State Program

Dr. Donald H. Loughridge, professor of physics and mathematics at Palos Verdes State College, has been reappointed as counselor for California under the Regional Counselor Program in physics.

The program, a joint project of the American Institute of Physics and the American Association of Physics Teachers, is designed to improve the teaching of physics and to increase student interest at the secondary level.

Pack Holds Meeting at Calle Mayor

Award presentations at the meeting of Cub Pack 586C in the cafeteria of Calle Mayor School included the following: wolf badge, Bruce Ross; wolf badge with gold and silver arrow, Jimmy Steidley; lion badge with gold arrow, John Chianis; gold arrow, David Ferguson, and silver arrow, Dale Eikmeier and Rusty Rizzardi.

Special recognition was given to Steve Frehse and John Matwick with the awarding of universal attendance pins for one year of perfect attendance at den meetings.

A surprise pennant award was presented to Den 4. More than 70 per cent of the den members have received universal attendance awards.

Howard Honett installed Kurt Bloomstadt as a bobcat and welcomed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bloomstadt, into the pack.

The cubmaster introduced the following new assistant den mothers, Meses. Gene Green, Joseph O'Neill, Ralph Eikmeier, and Robert Frehse.

Bi-Lingual Research Completed

Children taught only English before kindergarten excel Mexican-American children, using both Spanish and English, according to a research study just completed by George B. Linn, 115 S. Francisco, Redondo Beach.

Linn, coordinator of special education for the South Bay area school districts, completed the research to earn the degree of Doctor of Education from USC's School of Education. He will receive the degree at commencement exercises Thursday.

Children exposed to both languages were slower in silent reading comprehension, mechanics of English, general language development, and oral reading accuracy and comprehension, Linn concluded.

Streets in Dominguez Get Approval

Plans and specifications prepared by the developer of a private tract for the construction of two miles of streets in the Dominguez area have been approved by the County Road Department.

These plans represent approximately \$270,000 in highway improvements, which will be financed by the developer.

The proposed streets will provide access to 175 new homesites in the vicinity of Avalon boulevard and Walnut street.

New Harvey Center Is Dedicated

The first commencement exercises for the College of the Virgin Islands were held Thursday in the Harvey Student Center. Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson addressed the graduating class of the new St. Thomas Island college.

Leo M. Harvey, founder and chairman of the board of Harvey Aluminum, attended the reception for the First Lady. The Harvey Student Center was dedicated following the exercises.

Harvey's company is a major contributor to the building of the new College of the Virgin Islands.



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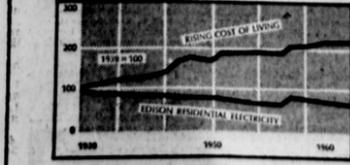
"The Hall is a ball!" is the vernacular verdict of enthusiastic visitors to Edison's unique Hall of Electricity at the California Museum of Science and Industry, Exposition Park, Los Angeles.

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