Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE on TAX EXEMPTIONS

Senate Bill 276

Relating to: exempting from taxation a rebate for individuals. By Senators Farrow, Ellis, Rude and Drzewiecki.

November 2, 1999 Referred to Joint Committee on Tax Exemptions.

January 6, 2000 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present:

(8) Senators Decker, Breske and Cowles Representatives Hahn and Lehman Secretary of Revenue Cate Zeuske Mr. Alan Lee and Mr. Paul Vrakas.

Absent:

(1) Representative Hebl

Appearances for

• None.

Appearances against

• None.

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations for

 Joan Hansen, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce

Registrations against

• None

January 6, 2000 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present:

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Absent:

(1) Representative Hebl.

Moved by Senator Decker, Seconded by Senator Breske, that Senate Bill 276 be recommended as good public policy.

Ayes:

Senators Decker, Breske, (9) and Cowles, Representatives Hahn, Lehman and Hebl (Polling), Secretary of Revenue Cate Zeuske, Mr. Alan Lee and Mr. Paul Vrakas.

Noes:

(0)None.

Absent:

(0)None.

GOOD PUBLIC POLICY RECCOMMEDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0, Absent 0

Patrick Walsh

Committee Clerk

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Committee Report

The joint committee on **Tax Exemptions**, reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 152

Relating to: the tax exemption for occasional sales.

By Senators A. Lasee, Huelsman and Drzewiecki; cosponsored by Representatives Grothman, Gronemus, Sykora and Powers.

GOOD PUBLIC POLICY RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0, Absent 1

Ayes (9) Senators Decker, Breske and Cowles
Representatives Hahn, Lehman and Hebl
(Polling), Secretary of Revenue Cate Zeuske
Mr. Alan Lee and Mr. Paul Vrakas.

Noes (0) None.

Absent (1) Representative Hebl

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Noes (0) None.

Absent (1) Representative Hebl

Senator Russell Decker

Co-Chair

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions

The committee will hold a public hearing on the following items at the time specified below:

Thursday, January 6, 2000 10:00 am 201SE State Capitol

Assembly Bill 442

Relating to: the amount of the exemption from income tax withholding requirements for employes of a county fair association.

By Representatives Gunderson, Jensen, Ladwig, Porter, Spillner, Kedzie, Albers, Olsen, Kestell, Staskunas, M. Lehman, Pettis, F. Lasee, Ainsworth, Musser, Klusman, Stone, Goetsch, Hahn, Plouff, J. Lehman, Jeskewitz, Grothman, Hasenohrl and Seratti; cosponsored by Senators Farrow, Schultz, Huelsman, Roessler, Cowles and Drzewiecki.

4-4 Assembly Bill 456 reduce individual income taxes revenue by 4/1 mill.

Relating to: creating an individual income tax subtract modification for amounts spent on medical insurance premiums by certain individuals.

By Representatives Hahn, Kestell, Rhoades, Ladwig, Hundertmark, Reynolds, Pettis, Lassa, Kelso, Waukau, Skindrud, Freese, Sykora, Hasenohrl, Urban, Stone, Musser, Plouff, F. Lasee, Kedzie, Plale, Owens, Gunderson, Seratti, Klusman, Goetsch, Olsen, Colon, Ainsworth, Petrowski, Nass, Staskunas, Ryba, Brandemuehl, Jeskewitz, Underheim, Huebsch, Meyerhofer and Jensen; cosponsored by Senators Drzewiecki, Wirch, Darling, Plache, Huelsman, Lazich, Schultz, Roessler and Welch.

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N/II

An EXECUTIVE SESSION will be held on Assembly Bill 442, Assembly Bill 456, Senate Bill 152, and Senate Bill 276 immediately following the public hearing.

Senator Russell Decker

Co-Chair

Representative Eugene Hahn Co-Chair

SENATE HEARING SLIP (Please Print Plainly)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

REPORT OF THE JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

1999 SENATE BILL 276

[Introduced by Senators Farrow, Ellis, Rude and Drzewiecki.]

General Nature of Proposal

1999 Wisconsin Act 10 provides a one-time sales tax rebate for individuals in Wisconsin and certain other individuals. No rebate may be made after December 31, 2000. Under current law, for purposes of determining Wisconsin income tax liability, Wisconsin uses federal adjusted gross income, and modifies it by adding and subtracting various amounts, to establish an individual tax-payer's Wisconsin adjusted gross income. Generally, because state sales taxes are not deductible for purposes of federal income taxes and because the rebate returns to taxpayers a portion of the sales taxes they previously paid, a rebate of state sales taxes should not be considered taxable at the federal level and thus would not be includable in federal adjusted gross income. Consequently, a state sales tax rebate would not be included in Wisconsin adjusted gross income.

The bill specifically exempts from Wisconsin income taxation the one-time sales tax rebate for individuals provided in Act 10.

Legality Involved

There are no questions of legality involved.

Fiscal Effect Upon the State and Its Subdivisions

The Department of Revenue estimates the fiscal effect of the bill as follows:

This bill would exempt from the individual income tax the sales tax rebate that would be created by LRB 3861/1 (1999 Senate Bill 276). The proposed exemption would have a fiscal effect only to the extent that the rebate is considered income for federal tax purposes. However, because the rebate returns to taxpayers a portion of the sales taxes they previously paid, the rebate should not be considered income subject to tax. Therefore, this bill has no fiscal effect.

Public Policy Involved

This bill is good public policy.