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Tax Cut Bill Will be Heard May 21

Finally, it has been decided that my Assembly Bill No. 8, which reduces the sales tax from 3 per cent to 2½ per cent, and cuts all other California State taxes about 15 per cent, will be heard before the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on May 21, at 8 P.m. in the new Capitol Annex.

Thomas Rees, Republican of El Centro, is Chairman of the Committee. He does not believe that the bill will receive enough favorable votes to get it out of the committee, simply because the majority of the members of the committee have not received enough letters from their own constituents demanding a reduction in California taxes. People who want to spend money write letters, send telegrams, make telephone calls, and come to Sacramento, but those who want economy in government remain silent.

Therefore, if you who read this report want to save your own money in California State taxes write immediately to your own Assemblyman saying: "Vote yes on A. B. No. 8 by Chapel to reduce State taxes."

Highway Taxes Hot Issue

Assemblyman Luther (Abe) Lincoln Republican of Oakland, is author of Assembly Bill No. 1649, which is a bill to raise new revenues for the construction of California highways. In general he does this by increasing the present gasoline tax 1 cent per gallon and increasing all other highway use taxes about 22.22 per cent. He proposes to increase the present 4 cent per gallon diesel fuel tax 1 cent per gallon, to raise the driver's license fees from $3 to $5.00, increase the registration fee from $8 to $10.00, eliminate the so-called "exemption" from the gross receipts tax paid by the motor truck operators and add 22 per cent to the present weight fees paid by trucks. Actually, he is very unfair to the independent "for hire" trucker, because in this instance there exist two kinds of truckers. (1) those who haul their own commodities in connection with their own business, which is usually unintentional on the part of a truck operator, and (2) those who haul commodities which I have mentioned above.

Here are the questions raised by Assemblyman Lincoln's bill and also raised by several other highway tax bills now before the Legislature: (1) Do you want the highways improved? (2) Do you want new highways built? and (3) How do you want to pay for them?

Before you answer, some of this column knows that (1) yes to (2) want toll roads in built-up neighborhoods, (2) do not want a toll road, and (3) do not want to vote to increase the gas tax more than 1 cent per gallon, and (4) do not want to vote to increase other high taxes, once more than the proposed 22 per cent.

Fuel Cost On Highway Tax Varies from Section to Section

Please dear reader, write to me immediately and tell me in your opinion in the above mentioned highway taxes. Bear in mind that highway taxes are not paid into the General Fund of the State, but into a special fund for highway construction only. My own Assembly Bill No. 8 is solely California taxes paid in this state, but the California income tax, franchise tax corporation tax and other taxes which have nothing to do with highways.

Army Display

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cal equipment, including a pre-fab mess which can be converted to carry fifty persons.

Japanese personnel will have a display of model homes and various types of heavy construction work.

The Army Training Aids section, built to show personnel methods of communication used in troop training, also is included with the display. Also included will be a model battleship in miniature and a large diorama of an amphibious landing.

The 45th Infantry Division Museum, built to show the history of Oklahoma's National Guard unit, is also included in the display. Other displays will include the Quartermaster Corps, with many different types of tents and accessories.

Also included will be displays of the Army Medical Service, Transportation Corps, Ordnance Department, Chemical Warfare Service, Signal Corps, Engineers, Corps of Engineers, Military Police, Finance Department, Adjutant General's Department, Chaplains, Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces, Army Field Forces, Army Service Forces, Army Specialist Training Program, Army Specialist Training Unit, Army Specialist Training Unit (Women), Army Specialist Training Unit (Men),