

House tax plan a compromise worthy of support

By Rep. Bill Bellamy

The largest tax relief plan in Oregon's history received overwhelming, bi-partisan support from the Oregon House of Representatives last Thursday.

The three-part proposal, which provides half-a-billion dollars in relief, goes a long way towards answering Oregonians demands for income tax and property tax relief. One hundred million dollars of the state's surplus would be returned to personal income taxpayers in proportion to the

amount of income taxes paid in 1978. The rebate amounts to a 13 per cent return of income taxes paid for the 1978 tax year. I voted in favor of the bill, HB 2186, as it passed the House by a 57 to 3 margin.

The House package would not only provide relief for income taxpayers, but income tax brackets, the personal exemption and the standard deduction would all increase at the rate of inflation, thus reducing its bite on income.

The plan, as I see it, is a

compromise but a good compromise which I can support. At least it's a plan which people of District 55 can study and evaluate.

Many legislators expressed the concern that permanently linking the brackets to inflation could, after five or six years, severely deplete state revenues, thereby threatening the funding of schools, tax relief and state programs. The consensus of the House, which I opposed, was to allow the 1981 Legislature the opportu-

nity to continue the indexing of the tax brackets should it believe it to be economically feasible to do so.

The bill, HB 2589, which provides a break from inflation received a 58 to 2 vote of approval. I also voted in favor of this bill which provides tax relief totaling an estimated \$115 million. Under the property tax relief portion of the plan, more than \$353 million is allocated to aid property tax payers. All homeowners would receive a 30 per cent cut

in their property taxes. Renters would receive equivalent relief on the portion of rent they pay for property taxes with the maximum renter relief set at \$375. These were provisions which I supported.

The bill, HB 2540, extends to provide relief to property tax payers. The Home Owner and Renter Relief Program would be beefed up to account for inflation by allowing persons who earn less than \$17,500 per year to qualify for relief. The bulk of HARRP

would be allocated to people on low and fixed incomes. Ninety-five per cent of those earning \$8,000 per year or less would pay no property taxes. Again I voted favorably on this bill and it passed the House 54 to 6.

Legislators supported this measure because it would allow voters to fund schools at the same level as the previous year and still reject spending increases. The threat of school closures has been known to influence voters to approve spending increases that might otherwise have been defeated.

Presently, voters can only approve or reject the entire operating levy. This measure, if enacted, would give voters more latitude over increases in local spending.

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The certificate recorded at page 139, Volume 1 of said record, in the name of H.S. Ewing, describes a right for the use of water from Willow Cr. for domestic (stock use) with a date of priority of 1875 and for the use of not to exceed 1.27 cfs from Willow Cr. for irrigation of 75.52 ac in SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec 7, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec 8 and S 1/2 NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Sec 17, T 2N, R 23E, WM, with a date of priority of 1892. Water for this right is diverted, through the Ewing

Ditch, from the point as located above and, through the Highline Ditch, from a point located 3800 ft S & 40 ft W from the NE Corner of Sec 29, being within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec 29, T 2N, R 23E, WM.

The certificate recorded at page 138, Volume 1 of said record, in the name of Wm. B. Ewing, describes a right which includes the use of water from Willow Cr. for domestic (stock use) with a date of priority of 1884 and the use of not to exceed 2.5 cfs from Willow Cr., being 1.41 cfs for irrigation of 84.73 ac with a date of priority of 1892 and 1.09 cfs for irrigation of 65.27 ac with a date of priority of 1906; said lands being located in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec 8, NE 1/4 and E 1/2 NW 1/4 of Sec 17, T 2N, R 23E, WM. Water for this right is diverted, through the Ewing and Highline Ditches, from the points as located above and, through the Desertland, Kirtzler, Underground & Murphy Ditches, from two points located 2600 ft S & 1980 ft W from the NE Corner of Sec 17, being within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec 17, T 2N, R 23E, WM, and 2920 ft S & 560 ft W from the NE Corner of Sec 7, being within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec 7, T 2N, R 23E, WM.

The applicant herein, owner of the lands above described, proposes to establish an additional point of diversion, without loss of priority, at a point located 1010 ft S & 792 ft W from the NE Corner of Sec 7, being within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec 7, T 2N, R 23E, WM.

All persons interested are notified hereby that a hearing will be held at the county courthouse at Heppner, Oregon, on May 3, 1979, at 9:30 a.m. All objections to the proposed change, if any there are, will be heard at said time and place. Any and all objections shall be prepared in writing: One copy to be served on David Cheney, Cecil Star Route, Ione, OR 97843; and one copy to be filed with the Water Resources Department, Salem, OR 97310, together with a \$10 filing fee, at least 10 days prior to the date set for hearing. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, THE APPLICATION MAY BE APPROVED BY THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR WITHOUT A HEARING. Administrative rules pertaining to the filing of a protest will be furnished by the Water Resources Dept. upon request.

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James E. Sexson
Director



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