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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION NUMBER 1

Following are brief summaries of legislation introduced in the 1983-84 regular session and the first extraordinary session of the Legislature. These measures relate to the Revenue and Taxation Code or otherwise to the assessing function.

AB 34

Author: Assemblymen Hannigan, et al.
Action: Introduced in the Assembly
Date: December 6, 1982
Affected Code Sections: Amends, repeals and adds Section 255.8 to, and adds and repeals Section 255.9 of, the Revenue and Taxation Code.

This bill would accomplish two things:

- (1) it would delete incorrect references, in Section 255.8 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to obsolete provisions of law that have previously been amended (Section 255.3) or repealed (Section 255.4);
- (2) it would create a two-year experimental pilot program in Solano and San Diego Counties, intended to cut the assessor's costs. Until the beginning of fiscal year 1986-87, in these counties the instructions that appear on the homeowners' exemption claim form would be printed only in English, but there would be included on the claim form a statement in Spanish explaining where to obtain a Spanish version and the date the homeowners' exemption claim was due.

ACA 2 and ACA 9

Author: Assemblyman Young
Action: Introduced in Assembly
Date: December 6 and 8, 1982, respectively
Affected Constitutional provision: Amends Article XIII A, Section 3.

These amendments, identical in wording, would allow the imposition of or alteration to an oil severance tax to be appropriated to the State School Fund for the support of kindergarten through 12th grade, inclusive.

AB 8X and AB 76

Author: Assemblyman Young
Action: Introduced in Assembly
Dates: December 6 and 8, 1982, respectively
Affected Code Sections: Adds Part 21 (Sections 42000, et seq.) to Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

These bills, identical in text, create a 6 percent oil severance tax to be levied on oil severed on or after January 1, 1984. This new tax would not supplant the property tax on oil properties, but would be in addition to it. The revenue collected from this oil severance tax would be appropriated to Section A of the State School Fund for the support of kindergarten and grades 1 to 12. Both bills are contingent on the adoption of either ACA 2 or 9.

AB 10X and AB 78

Author: Assemblyman Young
Action: Introduced in Assembly
Dates: December 6 and 8, 1982, respectively
Affected Code Sections: Amends Section 42168 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as proposed by AB 8X and AB 76.

These bills would modify the way in which revenues raised from the operation of the proposed oil severance tax would be distributed. Under these bills, which would become operative at the same time as AB 8X and AB 76, the money would be used first to pay for costs incurred by the Board in administering the oil severance tax, then to pay authorized refunds, and finally to reimburse local agencies for any property taxes lost because of the severance tax.

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AB 3 and AB 58

Authors: Assemblyman Bates, et al.
Action: Introduced in Assembly
Date: December 6 and 7, 1982, respectively
Affected Code Sections: Adds Part 21 (commencing with Section 42000) to the Revenue and Taxation Code.

These bills, identical in every aspect except authorship, would create a 6 percent oil severance tax to be effective at an as yet unspecified date. In distinction to AB 8X and AB 76, the revenue raised through this tax would be appropriated to pay refunds, administration costs and reimbursements to local agencies and school districts for property tax losses due to the severance tax. The balance would then be appropriated to the General Fund.

Copies of each of these bills are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,



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