

Democrats hopeful tax-cut bill will survive President's veto

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The House is preparing to pass a bill extending 1975 tax cuts into the new year. But Americans may see their taxes increase on Jan. 1 unless the lawmakers can override a presidential veto.

The House was expected to pass the six-month tax cut extension today, sending it to the Senate for swift approval. But President Ford is ready to reject it because it lacks a ceiling on federal spending for the 1977 fiscal year.

"The issue now is whether taxpayers get a big tax increase in January," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., said Tuesday.

A quick veto could return the bill to Congress in time for an override attempt before the year-end recess, expected to begin later this week.

In what amounted to a test vote on whether the anticipated veto can be sustained, the House refused Tuesday night to rush the bill through to the Senate under a legislative shortcut procedure.

The bill's backers fell 22 votes short of getting a two-thirds majority required for passage under this quick-action procedure, thus casting doubts on the possibility of mustering a similar two-thirds majority necessary to override Ford's expected veto.

The vote found 256 in favor of passing the bill under a process known as suspending House rules and 160 against.

Ullman did not seem to feel that the procedural vote indicated a lack of House ability to override Ford's veto.

After the House vote, Ullman told reporters, "I think we are in a better position now to appraise the chances of overriding a veto. . . . I expect an all-out effort by the Democratic leadership and the Democrats. . . . I think we will have more Republican votes than we had today."

When it comes to the issue of "whether the constituents get a big tax increase, there will be some

changed votes and we have a good chance to override," Ullman added.

Here is what the bill means to some typical taxpayers with average personal deductions of 17 per cent of income:

- A single person making \$17,500 a year would pay \$3,145 yearly in taxes if the bill is not passed. Under the temporary 1975 tax cut law he will owe \$3,115 next April and under the congressional compromise legislation would owe \$2,965 in April 1977.
- A married couple with two children and a \$17,500 income would

pay \$2,156 yearly in taxes if the bill is not passed. Under the temporary 1975 tax cuts, the couple will owe \$2,036 next April and under the compromise bill would pay \$1,976 in April 1977.

The tax cut, enacted this year as an economy boosting measure, expires automatically on Dec. 31 unless extended by Congress.

The congressional compromise terms were reached at a public tax-drafting session of Senate-House conferees. Traditionally, where the final version of tax bills is produced, have been held behind closed doors.

Houstonians may breathe easier

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HOUSTON — A Texas Air Control Board official says Houston area plants have reduced their vinyl chloride emissions more than 80 per cent since the end of 1973.

Lloyd Stewart, head of the board's Houston office, said Tuesday he doubts emissions from area plants are anywhere near as high as new proposed limits announced this week in Washington by the EPA.

Stewart said the board will begin checking local vinyl chloride levels soon but "my feeling is we won't find anything near the proposed limit."

The proposed level is 10 parts per million in air and water. Stewart said the rate of discharge was 13,138 tons in 1973 compared with last month's estimated annual rate of 2,424 tons.

Here's what you'd pay

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The following tables show the potential impact of the congressional compromise tax bill approved by a Senate-House conference committee Tuesday.

The figures in the table are computed assuming typical deductible personal expenses of 17 per cent of income.

The "Income" column refers to adjusted gross income.

The "74 law" column refers to taxes due in April 1975 for each income group under the permanent 1974 tax law. If no tax legislation is enacted, taxes due in April 1977 would be at this rate.

The "75" law" column indicates the amounts that will be due in April 1976 under the current Tax Reduction Act. Special tax credits for low-income groups and new home buyers are not included.

The "76 S-H" column refers to the amount of taxes that would be due in April 1977 based on tax law

Incom	SINGLE PERSONS		
	74 law	75 law	76 S-H
\$ 3,000	\$ 138	\$ 63	\$ 43
5,000	491	404	364
6,000	681	594	534
8,000	1,087	1,007	905
10,000	1,482	1,452	1,331
12,500	1,996	1,966	1,816
15,000	2,549	1,519	2,369
17,500	3,145	3,115	2,965
20,000	3,784	3,754	3,604
25,000	5,230	5,200	5,050
30,000	6,850	6,820	6,670
35,000	8,625	8,595	8,445
40,000	10,515	10,485	10,335

Incom	MARRIED COUPLE		
	74 law	75 law	76 S-H
\$ 3,000	\$ 290	\$ 0	\$ 0
5,000	322	170	150
6,000	454	326	294
8,000	837	674	608
10,000	1,152	1,054	948
12,500	1,573	1,513	1,395
15,000	2,029	1,969	1,849
17,500	2,516	2,456	2,336
20,000	3,035	2,975	2,855
25,000	4,170	4,110	3,990
30,000	5,468	5,408	5,298
35,000	6,938	6,878	6,758
40,000	8,543	8,483	8,363

Incom	MARRIED COUPLE WITH TWO DEPENDENTS		
	74 law	75 law	76 S-H
\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
5,000	98	0	0
6,000	245	35	0
8,000	559	347	294
10,000	867	709	651
12,500	1,261	1,141	1,114
15,000	1,699	1,579	1,519
17,500	2,156	2,036	1,976
20,000	2,660	2,540	2,480
25,000	3,750	3,630	3,570
30,000	4,988	4,868	4,808
35,000	6,398	6,278	6,218
40,000	7,958	7,838	7,778

changes approved in the Senate-House compromise if the changes were made for one year. Although the compromise plan is just for the first six months of 1976, figures below are on an annual basis for comparison purposes.

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THE UNITED NATIONS HAS CONDEMNED ZIONISM THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NOT CONDEMNED JUDAISM

On November 10, 1975, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted to condemn Zionism, not Judaism, as a form of racism and racial discrimination.

The Zionism that this resolution speaks about is a concrete political ideology, articulated by a concrete political organization and which manifested itself in concrete practices, which had the effect of excluding some people on the basis of their being non-Jews and including others on the basis of their being Jews — Jewishness being defined officially by Zionism as an ethnic and not strictly a religious definition.

IT IS ZIONISM, NOT JUDAISM THAT IS ON TRIAL TODAY

We in the Arab world welcomed and showed hospitality to the Jews who came fleeing from inquisition and persecution in Europe when European anti-Semitism was driving them into our arms; we welcomed them to come and share our lives and share our limited resources and to have as much freedom as we ourselves had, because we were receiving them as individuals of Jewish faith. It was only when the Zionists came, and instead of the Jews saying, I should like to live with you, the Zionists said, I want to live in place of you. It was only when Zionism became a hostile force in our midst, that, despite our hospitality to the Jews, we showed hostility toward Zionism.

IT IS ZIONISM, NOT JUDAISM, THAT HAS BEEN CONVICTED BY THE WORLD BODY

To insist on the identification of Zionism with Judaism is to insist that all Jews are Zionists, and, by implication, attribute "eternal" political loyalties regardless of time and place. Is not that the essence of anti-Semitism, which objectifies the Jew, rather than see him as an ordinary human being rooted in his history, and who is likely to espouse any political position? The civil rights of the Jews are "sacred" insofar as human rights are sacred, but there is nothing inherently sacred or profane about any political ideology, even if it is Zionism, or any State, even if it is Israel.

- It is Zionism, as a political ideology and a political movement, that was responsible for the expulsion of two million Palestinians from their homeland.
- It is Zionism which is denying the people of Palestine the exercise of their inalienable right to national self-determination in their homeland.
- It is Zionism that has been responsible for acts of terrorism at Deir Yassin (1948 massacre of 254 unarmed Arab villagers by Irgun and Stern Gang terrorists) and Kafr Kassem (1956 massacre of 47 inhabitants of an Arab village by Israeli border guards) and the systematic obliteration of 385 Arab villages from territory occupied by Israel, between 1948 and 1967.
- It is Zionism that manifests itself in militarism and territorial expansionism, occupies territories by force, indiscriminately bombards Arab civilians and refugee camps, schools and hospitals.
- It is Zionism which is systematically destroying the Arab character of Arab territories occupied in 1967 and distorting the aesthetic, historical complexion of Holy Jerusalem.

If criticism of Zionism is criticism of the Jewish people and of Judaism, does it then follow, by Zionist standards, that criticism of nazism is criticism of the German people and of Christianity?

There are many Jewish individuals, groups and organizations within Israel itself and in this country who are opposed to Zionism, Jews who are non-Zionists, and Jews who are anti-Zionists. In fact, the first objections and opposition to the doctrines of Zionism as a political ideology were aired by prominent Jewish intellectuals and prominent Jewish organizations. We reject the claim of Zionism to be coextensive with the Jewish people. And therefore we reject the claim of Zionism that to be anti-Zionist is to be anti-Jewish and anti-Semitic.

ZIONISM HAS NO IMMUNITY ZIONISM DESERVES CONDEMNATION!

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