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Senate leaders say tax bill should be approved easily

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders on Wednesday predicted easy approval of a tax-overhaul plan, endorsed by President Reagan, that would affect the taxes of virtually every American — cutting rates while wiping out some deductions favored especially by middle-income families.

Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said, "There are strong indications this bill is going to sail through the Senate." It will pass easily, he added, because it is "true tax reform."

Sen Bob Packwood, R-Ore., the plan's chief author, said he believes the bill is going to pass in much the same form as it came out of the Finance Committee early Wednesday on a 20-0 vote.

He proclaimed it "a great victory for America — a bill you can truly defend."

The Reagan administration, which is sympathetic to most of the bill, signaled its concern about two high-profile provisions: elimination of the deduction for most Individual Retirement Accounts and repeal of the traditional tax preference for capital gains.

Even though repeal of the IRA deduction for workers covered by company pensions would hurt many families, Packwood said, most of them would still come out winners because of other parts of the bill.

The bill, most of which would become effective in 1987, would cut individual taxes by about \$100 billion over five years, with the reduction averaging 6.2 percent. The burden on corporations would increase by \$100 billion.

Packwood estimated that 80 percent of Americans would be taxed at the bill's lower rate of 15 percent. A typical four-member family could earn about \$42,000 before any of its income was subject to the higher, 27 percent rate.

The "winners" — and Packwood said middle-income families would be at the top of the list — would benefit from raising the personal exemption to \$2,000 and from significant increases in the standard deductions.

To pay for those changes, the bill would take away some widely used deductions. In addition to the IRA and capital-gains changes, the proposal would end deductions for consumer interest and state and local sales taxes. The medical-expense deduction would be virtually eliminated. The deduction for miscellaneous expenses, including union dues and job-related publications, would be killed.

The big losers, Packwood said, are upper-income investors who have been able to shield their salaries from taxes by writing off artificial losses arising from a certain partnership arrangements, especially in commercial real estate.

Tougher "minimum taxes" will hit the profitable companies and well-to-do investors who have been able to save dramatically on taxes through judicious use of large deductions.

Packwood said, "We will say to the average Jane and Joe making \$40,000 that . . . your taxes are being lowered because we've raised taxes on people who have not been paying taxes."

Earthquake

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measured its strength at 7.7, on the open-ended Richter scale.

Preliminary reports from the Adak Naval Air Station indicated only minor damage, such as "a couple of books being knocked off shelves," said Lt. Col. Arnold Williams, a Pentagon spokesman.

People were being evacuated to higher ground, said Kathi Alexander, a civilian employee of the Navy contingent of about 5,000 people on Adak.

At Atka, a village of 93 people about 100 miles east of Adak, many residents headed for higher ground. Greg Galadell, a worker at the

village store, said he was putting away newly arrived stock before he headed for safety. He remembers other tsunami alerts.

"We've had some before, but it came to nothing," he said.

Geophysicists estimated a wave could reach Astoria, Ore., by 10:02 p.m. PDT and San Francisco by 9:47 p.m.

The first earthquake Wednesday had a magnitude of 4.4 on the Richter scale and struck at 11:44 a.m., said Finley. It was followed 22 seconds later by a 6.0 earthquake and two hours later by the magnitude 7.7 earthquake, said Don Finley of the USGS in Washington, D.C.

Three more quakes that struck two to three hours after the large tremor measured 5.9, 5.9 and 5.4 on the Richter scale, and were not expected to generate further tsunamis, said the Warning Center.

Earthquakes of magnitude 6 or greater are capable of causing severe damage in a populated area. However, the Aleutians are sparsely populated.

In 1964, a great earthquake registering 8.5 on the Richter scale and centered near Prince William Sound, southeast of Anchorage, stirred seismic waves that killed 114 people in Alaska, where it wiped out the village of Chenega.

Death Act

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states, Florida, Iowa and Louisiana, combined the options concerning a proxy and treatment of comatose patients.

She added that the Texas act is now one of the most progressive and useful of any state.

A release from the Texas Medical Association stated that all written directives take effect if the patient becomes comatose, incompetent, or mentally or physically incapable of communication. But the wishes of any patient who remains competent always override the wishes of a written directive, the release said.

In addition to the two protections, the amended act allows terminally ill patients to express their wishes verbally, provided it is observed by two qualified witnesses and the patient's physician. The witnesses cannot be related to the patient by blood or marriage and cannot be included in the patient's will.

It also allows specific persons to carry out the wishes of patients who are under 18.

The persons, in order of priority, are: the patient's spouse; if over 18; the patient's parents and the patient's legal guardian.

Authors Eugene Boisauhin and Rebecca Dresser defined a terminally ill patient as someone who has an incurable illness or injury, which, in a physician's medical judgment, will result in death — despite life-sustaining procedures.

Boisauhin, in a phone interview, said that the problem now is making patients aware of their new choices.

Boisauhin added that patients should not write directives without consulting family members although the written directive would still be technically binding.

Dr. John Hall, a member of the medical ethics committee at St. Joseph Hospital, said that the law is on the side of the patient if he was com-

petent at the time of writing the treatment directive.

"If a patient is mentally capable of making that decision, then the doctor must honor that decision," he said. "If the physician has problems himself, turning off the machine, he can refer this question to the medical ethics committee at the hospital."

Hall, 56, said that the doctor also can refer the case to the ethics committee if the family disagrees with the patient directive.

If the case is extremely complicated, the committee can appeal to the courts, he said.

The authors noted that one of the act's shortcomings is the lack of guidance concerning incompetent patients who have no available relatives.

In a phone interview, Dresser said that hospitals and physicians don't follow any hard and fast rules in such a case. They have the option of getting a court-appointed guardian for the patient or conferring with a friend of the patient, she said.

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