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ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON TAXATION

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Eastern Daylight Saving Time will be effective throughout the Conference

General Invitation

The Conference sessions are open and the public is cordially invited to take part in the discussions following the formal papers, to the extent that available time permits and in accordance with the Conference rules.

Anyone may take part in the discussion of resolutions submitted for Conference action, but the voting is confined to official delegates and Association members.

Sunday, September 26

10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.—REGISTRATION

Reception

All Members and their Ladies are cordially invited to be the guests of the Local Arrangements Committee at a reception in the Ball Room of the Mount Washington Hotel from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 26

8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.—FIRST GENERAL SESSION—Ball Room

PRESIDING

John L. Connolly, President of the National Tax Association

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Honorable Lane Dwinell, President of the Senate of New Hampshire

RESPONSE AND CONFERENCE KEYNOTE

John L. Connolly, President of the National Tax Association

9:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.—SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION

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SELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Monday, September 27

8:45 A.M.—REGISTRATION CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE DAY

8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.—SECOND GENERAL SESSION—Ball Room

PROBLEMS OF THE COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERN-MENTAL RELATIONS

PRESIDING

Alfred G. Buehler, Professor of Public Finance, Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania; Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE VIEWPOINT OF THE FEDERAL COMMISSION

Meyer Kestnbaum, Chairman of the Commission; President, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago, Illinois

THE VIEWPOINT OF THE STATES

Frederick L. Bird, Chairman, Commission on the Fiscal Affairs of State Government (New York); Director of Municipal Research, Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., New York, N. Y.

THE VIEWPOINT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Sherwood Reeder, President, Pennsylvania Economy League, Harrisburg, Pa.

THE VIEWPOINT OF THE STATE TAX ADMINISTRATORS

William G. Bonelli, State Board of Equalization of California, Sacramento, California

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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12:00 NOON to 1:45 P.M.—THIRD GENERAL SESSION—

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Dining Room

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FEDERAL TAX POLICY IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Dr. Harley L. Lutz, Tax Consultant, National Association of Manufacturers, New York, N. Y.

2:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.—FOURTH GENERAL SESSION—Ball Room

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND THE FISCAL NEEDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

PRESIDING

Robert E. Lee, Member, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C.

SPEAKERS

Rowland Hughes, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C.

Lothair Teetor, Assistant Secretary (For Domestic Affairs), United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Harris Huston, Director, Surveys and Investigation, House Appropriations Committee, Washington, D. C.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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Tuesday, September 28

8:00 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.—TAX EXECUTIVES INSTITUTE BREAKFAST 8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.—FIRST ROUND TABLE—Hemicycle Room

RAILROAD TAX PROBLEMS

PRESIDING

Wilbur Bush, General Tax Agent of the Burlington Route, Chicago, Illinois

ADMINISTRATORS' VIEW OF TAXATION OF TRANSPORTA-TION FACILITIES

Robert Allphin, Commissioner, Department of Revenue of Kentucky, Frankfort, Ky.

TAXATION OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Sidney L. Miller, Professor and Head of the Department of Transportation at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Business Administration, Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE EFFECT OF FEDERAL TAXATION ON RAILROADS

A. R. Seder, Vice President of the Association of American Railroads in Charge of Finance, Accounting, Taxation and Valuation, Washington, D. C.

THE EFFECT OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION ON RAILROADS

R. J. Littlefield, General Tax Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, Pa.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, September 28 - Continued

8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.—SECOND ROUND TABLE—East Room

INCOME TAX FRAUD ON THE STATE LEVEL PRESIDING

Mortimer Kassell, Deputy Commissioner and Counsel, New York Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, N. Y.

SPEAKERS

William G. Burkman, Director, Income Tax Division, Minnesota Department of Taxation, St. Paul, Minn.

Eugene G. Shaw, Commissioner of Revenue, North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh, N. C.

William A. Schan, Tax Commissioner of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.—THIRD ROUND TABLE—Ball Room

NEW ENGLAND TAX PROBLEMS

PRESIDING

Carter W. Atkins, Executive Director, Connecticut Public Expenditure Council, Inc., Hartford, Conn.

NEW ENGLAND'S INDUSTRIAL TAX CLIMATE

Carroll F. Holt, Comptroller, Fitchburg Yarn Co., Fitchburg, Mass.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

William F. Connelly, Tax Commissioner of Connecticut, Hartford, Conn.

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TAXATION OF TIMBER

Herbert W. Hill, Professor, Dartmouth College; Member Timber Tax Study Commission, Hanover, New Hampshire.

INCOME AND CORPORATION TAXES

Leonard W. Morrison, Commissioner of Taxes of Vermont, Montpelier, Vt.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.—FOURTH ROUND TABLE—Moon Room

FISCAL PROBLEMS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

PRESIDING

Honorable Hugh Gregg, Governor of New Hampshire, Concord, N. H.

ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF THE TAX SYSTEMS OF THE 48 STATE GOVERNMENTS IN 1953

Harold L. Henderson, Director, Minnesota Institute of Governmental Research, Inc., St. Paul, Minn.

HOW CAN STATE GOVERNMENTS FACE UP TO THEIR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS?

Dr. C. K. Alexander, Research Director, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, Madison, Wis.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF A LARGE STATE

Dr. Robert S. Herman, Director of Research, Division of the Budget of the State of New York, Albany, N. Y.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, September 28 - Continued

12:00 NOON to 1:45 P.M.—FIFTH GENERAL SESSION—CONFERENCE LUNCHEON—Dining Room

PRESIDING

H. Clyde Reeves, Past President National Tax Association

INVOCATION

Chaplain of the Conference

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954

Dan Throop Smith, Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

There will be no afternoon session

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.—FIFTH ROUND TABLE—Ball Room

TRUCK TAXES FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES PRESIDING

G. Howard Spaeth, Commissioner of Taxation, State of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.

HIGHWAY PROBLEMS IN GENERAL

Richard M. Zettel, Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, California

TAXATION OF INTERSTATE TRUCKS

Harry E. Boot, Attorney, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Washington, D. C.

PRACTICAL TAX EQUITY FOR INTERSTATE VEHICLES Stanley J. Bowers, Tax Commissioner of Ohio, Columbus,

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THE RETARISE'S VIEW

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8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.—SIXTH ROUND TABLE—East Room

MANUFACTURERS' EXCISE TAX VS. RETAIL SALES TAX FOR FEDERAL REVENUE

PRESIDING

Eugene F. Rinta, Research Director of the Council of State Chambers of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF AN ECONOMIST

Donald C. Miller, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S VIEW

F. R. Irwin, Tax Policy Division, Department of Finance, Ottawa, Canada

THE RETAILER'S VIEW

Milton J. Kolb, Manager of Excise Division, Tax Department, Sears Roebuck & Co., Chicago, III.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.—SEVENTH ROUND TABLE—Hemicycle Room

PLACING EMPHASIS ON RATES OR EXEMPTIONS IN THE REDUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES

PRESIDING

James L. Madden, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York

THE IMPACT ON FEDERAL REVENUES—VS—THE EQUITIES
Kenneth W. Gemmill, Assistant to the Secretary of the
Treasury, Washington, D. C.

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THE ECONOMICS OF THE QUESTION

William Vickrey, Professor of Economics, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

THE TAXPAYER'S VIEW

Fred L. Patton, Treasurer, Cambridge Rubber Co.; President, Tax Executives Institute, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

8:00 P. M. to 10:00 P.M.-EIGHTH ROUND TABLE-Moon Room

PROPERTY TAX AND ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDING

William A. Sutherland, Attorney, Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, Washington, D. C.

TRENDS AND ROLE OF THE PROPERTY TAX

William E. Davis, Jr., Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp., Houston, Texas

MODERNIZING THE PROPERTY TAX

Lynn A. Stiles, Economist, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS

George C. Skillman, Director, Division of Local Government, Trenton, New Jersey

BILLING PROCEDURES

George Cargin, Manager of the Local Government Department, IBM, Endicott, New York

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.—THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION
—Ball Room

PRESIDING

John L. Connolly, President of the National Tax Association

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

REPORT OF TREASURER

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON—SIXTH GENERAL SESSION—Ball Room PRESIDING

John L. Connolly, President of the National Tax Association

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

12:15 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.—SEVENTH GENERAL SESSION—CONFERENCE LUNCHEON—Dining Room

PRESIDING

Roswell Magill, Attorney, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, New York, New York

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Chaplain of the Conference

FEDERAL FISCAL HORIZONS

Honorable John Taber, Congressman from New York
There will be no afternoon session

EIGHTH GENERAL SESSION—DINING ROOM

6:00 P.M.—RECEPTION

7:00 P.M.—ANNUAL CONFERENCE BANQUET

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INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Honorable Styles Bridges, United States Senator from New Hampshire

SPEAKER

Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas

ENTERTAINMENT

9:00 A.M. 10-12:00 110 ON-MINTH GENERAL SESSION--2: I Riding

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Thursday, September 30

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON-NINTH GENERAL SESSION-Ball Room

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Norman A. Sugarman, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue in charge of Technical Operations, Washington, D. C.

TAXPAYERS' SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

John E. McClure, Lawyer, Washington, D. C.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

12:15 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.—TENTH GENERAL SESSION—CONFERENCE LUNCHEON—Dining Room

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