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August 2, 1984

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS/COUNTY CLERKS/PROPONENT (8415)
FROM: Deborah Seiler
DEBORAH SEILER
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL REFORM

Pursuant to Elections Code 3520(b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE filed with all county clerks is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient; therefore, the petition has failed.

TITLE: PERSONAL INCOME TAXES.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.

SUMMARY DATE: February 22, 1984

PROPONENT: Conway H. Collis

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February 22, 1984

TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENT

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

**PERSONAL INCOME TAXES.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE**

Circulating and Filing Schedule

1. Minimum number of signatures required 630,136
Cal. Const., Art. II, Sec. 8(b).
2. Official Summary Date Wednesday, 2/22/84
Elec. C., Sec. 3513.
3. Petition Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for signatures . . Wednesday, 2/22/84
Elec. C., Sec. 3513.
 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file with the county.
All Sections are to be filed at the same time within each
county. Monday, 7/23/84*+
Elec. C., Secs. 3513, 3520(a).
 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of signatures
affixed to petition and to transmit total to the Secretary of
State Monday, 7/30/84

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 7/23/84, the county has five working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit the total to the Secretary of State.) Elec. C., Sec. 3520(b).

* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Saturday. Elec. C., Sec. 60.

+ **PLEASE NOTE:** To the Proponent who may wish to qualify for the 1984 General Election. The law allows up to approximately 58 days to county election officials for checking and reporting petition signatures and transmitting results. The law also requires that this process be completed 131 days before the election in which the people will vote on the initiative. It is possible that the county may not need precisely 58 days. But if you want to be sure that this initiative qualifies for the 1984 General Election, you should file this petition with the county before May 1, 1984.

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d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number of signatures filed with all county clerks meets the minimum number of required signatures, and notifies the counties. Wednesday, 8/1/84**

e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Thursday, 8/16/84

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 7/30/84, the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after county's receipt of notification.)
Elec. C., Sec. 3520(d), (e).

f. If the signature count is more than 693,149 or less than 567,123, then the Secretary of State certifies the petition has qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 567,123 and 693,149 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of all signatures Saturday, 8/18/84**

g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Monday, 9/17/84

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 8/16/84, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after county's receipt of notification.)
Elec. C., Sec. 3521(b), (c).

h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient. Wednesday, 9/19/84**

**Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

4. Campaign Statements:

Last day for the Proponent to file a Campaign Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for period ending 8/20/84. Monday, 8/27/84

(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier than 7/23/84, the last date to file is the 35th calendar day after the deadline for filing petitions or the date of notification by the Secretary of State that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify, whichever is earlier. The closing date for the campaign statement is seven days prior to the filing deadline.)
Gov. C., Secs. 84200(d), 84202(j).

5. The Proponent of the above named measure is:

Conway H. Collis
901 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 210
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(213) 451-5777

Sincerely,



DEBORAH SEILER
Assistant to the Secretary of State
Elections and Political Reform

NOTE TO PROPONENT: Your attention is directed to Elections Code Sections 41, 44, 3501, 3507, 3508, 3516, 3517, and 3519 for appropriate format and type considerations in printing, typing, and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Your attention is further directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq.

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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February 22, 1984

Honorable March Fong Eu
Secretary of State
1230 J Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Re: Initiative Title and Summary.
Our File No. SA84RF0001

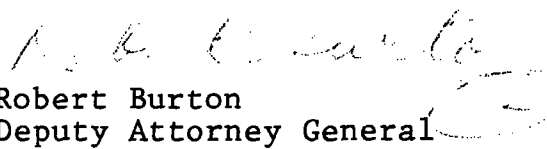
Pursuant to the provisions of section 3503 and 3513 of the Elections code, you are hereby notified that on this day we mailed to the proponent(s) of the above identified proposed initiative our title and summary.

Enclosed is a copy of our transmittal letter to the proponent(s), a copy of our title and summary, a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the name(s) and address(es) of the proponent(s) is as stated on the declaration of mailing.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General


Robert Burton
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure

FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

FEB 22 1984

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By 
Deputy

(RF-10, 6/83)

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

PERSONAL INCOME TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Adds section to constitution permitting

Legislature to refer to federal laws for the purpose of simplifying reporting and computation of California personal income taxes. Adopts statutes, effective in 1985, that:

Provide that federal income tax law shall be used to determine taxable income and filing status for California taxpayers except for several specified exceptions. Modify existing tax rates, raising some and lowering others. Provide, in absence of legislative action, for tax rate adjustments to compensate for future federal law amendments resulting in projected state revenue increase or decrease of 3.5% or more. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments:

Revenue effects through adoption of federal law. Impact on state revenues can only be roughly approximated because of several unknowns. Adoption of the initiative could result in state revenue loss of up to \$300 million in 1985. Beyond 1985, revenue effect is indeterminable. Revenue effects due to future federal law changes. There is a potential annual revenue loss or gain of up to \$370 million if federal law changes impact on state revenue is less than 3.5%. There is also the potential

for major administrative cost increases due to federal law changes after state tax forms have been prepared.

SECTION 1. Title "THE SHORT AND SIMPLE TAX PLAN"

The provisions of this initiative measure shall be known as "The Short and Simple Tax Plan".

SECTION 2. Section 27.5 is added to Article XIII of the Constitution to read:

27.5. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Constitution, the Legislature may, for the purpose of simplifying the reporting and computation of California personal income taxes, refer to any provisions of the laws of the United States as they may be or may become effective at that time or from time to time.

SECTION 3. Chapter 1.5 is added to Part 10 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code to read:

CHAPTER 1.5

17040. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, a tax is hereby imposed upon the entire taxable income, as defined in Section 17040.1, of all residents of this state and of all estates, trusts and common trust funds, in the following amounts and at the following rates upon the amount of taxable income:

(1) Residents of this state, except heads of households--

(3) Estates, trusts and common trust funds --

IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS...		<u>THE TAX IS...</u>			
OVER	BUT NOT OVER			OF AMOUNT OVER...	
0	2100...	0.0	PLUS	1.0 %	0
2100	4200...	21.00	PLUS	2.0 %	2100
4200	6300...	63.00	PLUS	3.0 %	4200
6300	8400...	126.00	PLUS	4.0 %	6300
8400	10500...	210.00	PLUS	5.0 %	8400
10500	12600...	315.00	PLUS	6.0 %	10500
12600	14700...	441.00	PLUS	7.0 %	12600
14700	16800...	588.00	PLUS	8.0 %	14700
16800	18900...	756.00	PLUS	9.0 %	16800
18900	21000...	945.00	PLUS	10.0 %	18900
21000	23100...	1155.00	PLUS	11.0 %	21000
23100	25200...	1386.00	PLUS	12.0 %	23100
25200	27300...	1638.00	PLUS	13.0 %	25200
27300	29400...	1911.00	PLUS	14.0 %	27300
29400	AND OVER.	2205.00	PLUS	15.0 %	29400

(b) For the purposes of the taxes imposed under this part, filing status shall be determined in accordance with federal income tax law.

(c) (1) A tax is imposed for each taxable year upon the entire taxable income from California sources of every nonresident and part-year resident which shall be an amount equal to the tax computed under paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) as if the nonresident or part-year resident were a resident, multiplied by the ratio (not to exceed 100 percent) of taxable income from California sources to total taxable income.

IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS. . .		<u>THE TAX IS. . .</u>		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER		OF AMOUNT OVER...	
0	4000...	NO TAX		
4000	6100...	0.00 PLUS	1.0 %	4000
6100	8200...	21.00 PLUS	2.0 %	6100
8200	10300...	63.00 PLUS	3.0 %	8200
10300	12400...	126.00 PLUS	4.0 %	10300
12400	14500...	210.00 PLUS	5.0 %	12400
14500	16600...	315.00 PLUS	6.0 %	14500
16600	18700...	441.00 PLUS	7.0 %	16600
18700	20800...	588.00 PLUS	8.0 %	18700
20800	22900...	756.00 PLUS	9.0 %	20800
22900	25000...	945.00 PLUS	10.0 %	22900
25000	27100...	1155.00 PLUS	11.0 %	25000
27100	29200...	1386.00 PLUS	12.0 %	27100
29200	31300...	1638.00 PLUS	13.0 %	29200
31300	33400...	1911.00 PLUS	14.0 %	31300
33400	AND OVER.	2205.00 PLUS	15.0 %	33400

(2) Heads of households --

IF THE TAXABLE INCOME IS...		<u>THE TAX IS...</u>		
OVER	BUT NOT OVER		OF AMOUNT OVER...	
0	8000...	NO TAX		
8000	10500...	0.00 PLUS	1.0 %	8000
10500	13000...	25.00 PLUS	2.0 %	10500
13000	15500...	75.00 PLUS	3.0 %	13000
15500	18000...	150.00 PLUS	4.0 %	15500
18000	20500...	250.00 PLUS	5.0 %	18000
20500	23000...	375.00 PLUS	6.0 %	20500
23000	25500...	525.00 PLUS	7.0 %	23000
25500	28000...	700.00 PLUS	8.0 %	25500
28000	30500...	900.00 PLUS	9.0 %	28000
30500	33000...	1125.00 PLUS	10.0 %	30500
33000	35500...	1375.00 PLUS	11.0 %	33000
35500	38000...	1650.00 PLUS	12.0 %	35500
38000	40500...	1950.00 PLUS	13.0 %	38000
40500	43000...	2275.00 PLUS	14.0 %	40500
43000	AND OVER.	2625.00 PLUS	15.0 %	43000

(2) For the purposes of this section, taxable income from California sources shall be calculated under the applicable federal law with the adjustments provided in Section 17040.1.

(3) For the purposes of this part, in the case of part-year residents, "income from California sources" shall include all income from whatever source derived which is received during the period of California residency.

(d) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1986, the Franchise Tax Board shall recompute the income tax brackets prescribed in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (a). The computation shall be made as follows:

The California Department of Industrial Relations shall transmit annually to the Franchise Tax Board the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index for all items from June of the prior calendar year to June of the current calendar year, no later than August 1 of the current calendar year. The Franchise Tax Board shall compute an inflation adjustment factor by adding 100 percent to that percentage change figure and dividing the sum by 100. The Franchise Tax Board shall then adjust the income tax brackets by multiplying each bracket by the computed inflation adjustment factor, rounding off each bracket to the nearest ten dollars (\$10).

17040.1. For the purposes of this part "taxable income" means taxable income as determined under the laws of the United States with the following adjustments:

(a) Taxable income shall not include:

(1) Income which this state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or laws of the United States of America or under the Constitution of this state.

(2) Unemployment compensation.

(3) Social security benefits, including Tier I Railroad Retirement benefits.

(4) Refunds of taxes imposed under this part or under the income tax laws of any state or refunds of any local income tax which may be imposed in this or any other state.

(5) Income which was reported and taxable under this part in any preceding year.

(b) No deduction shall be allowed for income taxes imposed under this part or under the income tax laws of any state or for any local income tax which may be imposed in this or any other state.

17040.2 (a) In addition to the tax imposed by subdivision (a) of Section 17040, there is hereby imposed a tax upon all resident individuals, estates and trusts equal to the excess (if any) of

(1) An amount equal to eight percent of the alternative minimum taxable income which exceeds the exemption amount, over

(2) The regular tax for the taxable year.

(b) Alternative minimum taxable income means the alternative minimum taxable income for the taxable year as provided under federal income tax law adjusted in accordance with Section 17040.1.

(c) Regular tax means the tax imposed under subdivision (a) of Section 17040 less all credits allowed by this part except the credits provided by Section 17053.5 (relating to the renters credit), Section 17061 (relating to excess state disability tax withheld), and Section 18551.1 (relating to income tax withheld).

(d) The exemption amount referred to in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) is as follows:

(1) \$20,000 in the case of single individuals, married individuals filing separate returns, heads of household, and estates and trusts.

(2) \$40,000 in the case of married persons filing joint returns and surviving spouses.

(e) In addition to the tax imposed by subdivision (c) of Section 17040, a tax is hereby imposed upon the alternative minimum taxable income of nonresidents and part-year residents from sources within this state. The tax shall be computed as if the nonresident or part-year resident were a resident, and that amount multiplied by the ratio (not to exceed 100 percent) of California alternative minimum taxable income to total alternative minimum taxable income, as adjusted in accordance with Section 17040.1.

17040.3. In the case of any individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed under Section 17040, an amount equal to the credit allowed under the federal income tax law for political and newsletter fund contributions.

17040.4. For the purposes of applying any definitional, administrative (including the manner in which the tax imposed is to be calculated and returns are required to be filed), penalty or credit provision of this part, and for the application of any section of this part which does not directly relate to the computation of taxable income, references to gross income or adjusted gross income shall mean gross income or adjusted gross income as these terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code, but with the adjustments specified in Section 17040.1 (relating to the computation of taxable income), and references to the "tax imposed under Section 17041" shall mean the tax imposed under Section 17040.

17040.5. If it is certified to the Franchise Tax Board by its staff that the projected effect of the enactment or amendment of any federal law affecting the computation of taxable income for any given fiscal year would be to increase or decrease projected state revenues for the fiscal year beginning in that taxable year from the personal income tax by 3.5 percent or more, the Franchise Tax Board shall on October 1 or within 20 days of the federal change, whichever is later, in the absence of legislative action, adjust the rates prescribed in Section 17040 in such a manner as to compensate for the federal change and to keep state revenues from the personal income tax at the level projected before the change.

SECTION 4. The provisions of Section 3 may be amended or repealed by a vote of the electors through the initiative process, or by the Legislature by a statute passed in each house by roll call vote entered in the journal two-thirds of those members voting concurring, without the approval of the electors.

SECTION 5. Sections 17024.5, 17041, 17042, 17042.5, 17054, 17054.5, 17323, 17732, 17733, 17855, 17856, and 17857 as well as Chapter 2.1, Chapter 2.6, Chapter 3, Articles 1 through 6 (except for Section 17082), Chapter 5 (except for Section 17505), Chapter 13 and Chapter 14 shall have no force and effect for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1984, and shall not be operative after that date.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this initiative shall apply with respect to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1985.

SECTION 7. The Legislature shall prescribe transitional rules as may be necessary to effect the purposes of this initiative measure. Such transitional rules shall not be subject to the two-thirds vote requirement prescribed in SECTION 4.

SECTION 8. If any section, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, sentence, phrase or other portion of this initiative measure or the applications thereof to any person or in any circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this initiative measure which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this initiative measure are severable.

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

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February 22, 1984

Conway H. Collis
901 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 210
Santa Monica, California 90401

Re: Initiative Title and Summary.
Subject: Personal Income Taxes
Our File No. SA84RF0001

Pursuant to your request, we have prepared the attached title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the above identified proposed initiative. A copy of our letter to the Secretary of State, as required by Elections Code sections 3503 and 3513, our declaration of mailing, and the text of your proposal that was considered is attached.

The Secretary of State will be sending you shortly a copy of the circulating and filing schedule for your proposal that will be issued by that office.

Please send us a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General

Robert Burton
Deputy Attorney General

Attachment

(RF-9, 6/83)

DECLARATION OF MAILING

The undersigned Declarant, states as follows:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a proponent of the within matter; my place of employment and business address is 1515 K Street, Suite 511, Sacramento, California 95814.

On the date shown below, I mailed a copy or copies of the attached letter to the proponents, by placing a true copy thereof in an envelope addressed to the proponents named below at the addresses indicated, and by sealing and depositing said envelope or envelopes in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, with postage prepaid. There is delivery service by United States mail at each of the places so addressed, or there is regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and each of the places so addressed.

Date of Mailing: February 22, 1984
Subject: Personal Income Taxes
Our File No.: SA84RF0001
Name of Proponent(s) and Address(es):

CONWAY H. COLLIS
901 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 210
Santa Monica, California 90401

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California on February 22, 1984.


MARSHA L. BIERER
Declarant



CONWAY H. COLLIS
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

January 4, 1984

The Honorable John Van de Kamp
Attorney General
1515 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Robert Burton

Dear Attorney General Van de Kamp,

Enclosed, please find a draft of "The Short and Simple Tax Plan", a constitutional amendment I am proposing to qualify for the November, 1984 ballot. I hereby request title and summary of said initiative. I have attached a \$200 deposit in the form of a certified check.

I shall be known as the proponent and my registered address is 453 10th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Please be advised that this is a new address and may not be recorded with the Registrar of Voters in Sacramento.

Correspondence should be directed to my office in Los Angeles.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Conway H. Collis".

Conway H. Collis
Member
State Board of Equalization
Second District

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