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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION..

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phill Kline at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 1997 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
Tom Severn, Legislative Research Department  
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes  
Shirley Sicilian, Department of Revenue  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chair welcomed Rep. Reardan who replaced Rep. Shriver on the committee.

Chair gave the following message to the committee:

'During this week's meetings we will attempt to reach consensus on the overall objectives of tax policy and the broad objectives of any tax relief package to be approved by the legislature this year.

The following general goal of this week's effort is "to reach a consensus on tax relief legislation".

Today our efforts will focus on identifying the five or six broad objectives to be met with any bill we may produce. During our second day we will identify all tax proposals and rank them in terms of each proposal's consistency with the broad objectives identified.

On Wednesday and Thursday we will review the result of these efforts, further develop consensus on specifics and discuss budget ramifications.'

Chair asked each member to select their two top objectives. This resulted in a list of 32 objectives. The next step was to determine the broad objectives and this process reduced the broad objectives to twelve areas. Then each member took 4 cards and wrote down their four priorities. The top six main objectives were (1) Regressivity; (2) Fairness; (3) Simplification; (4) Significant/meaningful relief; (5) Broadbased relief; and (6) Funding of government.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 1997.

Adjournment.

