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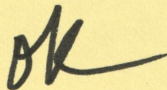
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INOUE SEEKS AMENDMENT TO TAX BILL  
CONVENTION PROVISION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senators Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona) today introduced an amendment to the Senate's tax reform bill to affirm existing Internal Revenue Service rules that allow tax deductions for business conventions held outside the United States.

The senators seek to kill a proposed tax measure that would severely restrict tax deductions for conventions abroad and would bar all deductions for business meetings on cruise ships. They say no new legislation is necessary because existing laws empower the Internal Revenue Service to police tax fraud relating to convention deductions.

"Existing law and agency regulations clearly and unequivocally prohibit taxpayers from claiming expenses for trips which are personal in nature," Inouye said in a floor speech today. "And there are no loopholes!"

As drafted by the Senate Finance Committee, the tax provision would deny tax deductions for all conventions held outside North America, including the Caribbean, U.S. territories and possessions. But exceptions would be allowed for international groups with a large foreign membership, or in cases where the subject of the meeting or the purpose of the organization make a foreign convention site more appropriate.

That provision is contained in section 602 of Title VI of the Senate version of H.R. 10612, the major tax reform package of this Congress.

"Enactment of that section will most assuredly give rise to serious economic consequences at a time where we can ill afford them as a nation," Inouye said. "Just as importantly, adequate means and machinery exist to correct any abuses that now exist."

"All the IRS need do is rigorously enforce the Internal Revenue Code and its own regulations to determine whether expenses incurred in attending a meeting or convention qualify as business or income producing expense deductions," he said. The IRS on February 14, 1974 announced that its examiners would carefully scrutinize deductions claimed for cruises, trips and conventions where little time is devoted to professional or business activities, he added.

If existing laws are enforced adequately, the public will not be subject to the tax deduction abuses which advocates of section 602 feel warrant passage of that section, Inouye said.

"In view of its potential for harm, and the availability of a less harsh but equally effective alternative, enactment of section 602 would be a classic example of 'over-kill,'" he said.

The provision "puts a restraint on travel abroad by Americans" Inouye said. "Most assuredly it would invite retaliation from other countries...to the extent that [the provision] would have a chilling effect on travel to the United States from abroad."

He said about \$6 billion of the nation's \$70 billion tourist industry results from international tourist expenditures, and foreign tourists contributed substantially to the more than \$3 billion in domestic convention expenditures last year.

The potential economic loss to the United States if other nations retaliate would be "substantial" and would "ripple throughout the economy of the country," he said, citing possible economic threats to airlines, hotels and U.S. commerce.

A recent Library of Congress study showed that five of six countries which comprise the major portion of America's foreign tourist population have no restrictions like those contained in the proposed Senate tax bill. The sixth country has a limit on tax deductions which is far less stringent.

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SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES \$41.521 MILLION  
APPROPRIATION FOR ISLAND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

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"The subcommittee acted wisely in maintaining the funding levels necessary for Hawaii's military projects," Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), a ranking Military Construction Subcommittee member, said today. "Much needs to be done to improve and maintain our military facilities, especially in the Pearl Harbor area."

The House appropriations were announced prior to an agreement by House and Senate conferees June 9 to authorize the full \$41.521 million for Island military projects. "I am hopeful that when conferees meet late this month or next on the 1977 appropriations bill, they will again agree to the \$41.521 million figure," Inouye said.

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CONFEREES AGREE ON HAWAII MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

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The conferees sustained all but \$1 million of the fiscal 1977 military construction appropriations intended for Hawaii that passed the Senate by unanimous vote last Saturday. A Senate-approved \$4.585 million appropriation for the Pearl Harbor Shipyard Quality Assurance facility was trimmed by conferees today to \$3.585 million.

"I am extremely pleased that the conference committee wisely maintained the funding that had been backed strongly by both the Senate Committees on Appropriations and Armed Services, and the full Senate," Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), a ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and a conferee, said after today's meeting.

"So much must be done to improve and maintain our military facilities, especially at Tripler and in the Pearl Harbor area," he said.

The original \$43.521 million for Hawaii military projects approved by the Senate last Saturday matched the fiscal 1977 authorization figure set on May 13, 1976 by the Senate Armed Services Committee. But the original figure also represented a restoration of \$13.22 million cut by the House Appropriations Committee on June 8.

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