

Nixon Probe by Assembly

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The Assembly started its own investigation yesterday into President Nixon's California income tax status.

The Assembly's Revenue and Taxation Committee authorized its chairman, Joe Gonsalves (Dem-Cerritos), to obtain from the Franchise Tax Board all documents on the tax status of the President and Mrs. Nixon in Cali-

fornia.

The investigation, requested by Democratic Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti, was authorized by a 12-to-0 vote of the committee, composed of 11 Democrats and six Republicans. Several of the members at the meeting did not vote.

The committee said it also wants to look at all the records relating to the tax board's decision that, for tax purposes, President Nixon is

not a resident of California and not subject to state income tax.

At the insistence of several Republican members, the committee instructed its chairman to obtain the tax records of all California members of the Congress and Californians serving in administrative posts in Washington to compare with data received on the President's taxes.

A spokesman for the Fran-

chise Tax Board said the documents will be handed over to the committee. He said, however, that their confidentiality remains protected by law, barring any public scrutiny.

State Legislative Counsel George Murphy warned the committee that it would be a misdemeanor for members of the committee staff to divulge any information received from the tax board.

Assemblyman William T.

Bagley (Rep-San Rafael), a committee member, described the investigation as a "political dog and pony show."

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. said in a statement he has asked the White House for "any tapes or other recordings" concerning President Nixon's personal income taxes.

Brown, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, said Presidential tax attorney Frank DeMarco discussed Mr. Nixon's taxes with the President in the Oval Office of the White House.