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Bill to Exempt POWs on State Income Tax

Sacramento

A state senator has introduced a bill to exempt all California POWs returning from Southeast Asia from paying state income taxes on earnings compiled while in captivity.

Senator W. Craig Biddle (Rep-Riverside) estimated that approximately 55 to 60 California military men held prisoner during the Vietnam war would be affected by his bill.

Biddle also introduced a companion measure Monday calling on Congress to grant returning POWs exemption from payment of Federal income taxes.

United Press

GOP Backing For Nixon On Amnesty

SFChronicle
Washington

Republican congressional leaders publicly backed President Nixon yesterday on his stand against amnesty for draft evaders and deserters.

Senate GOP leader Hugh Scott said that to accept the view of some that those who refused to fight in Vietnam were answering to a higher morality would be to question the morality of 2.5 million Americans who did fight.

House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford agreed with Scott's assessment.

"Some of those who ran away and cowered in foreign seclusion — by the law of averages, some of them would have died in Vietnam," Scott said. "Somebody died for them. That's hard to forget." United Press