

## Tax Board Asked To Bill Nixon

Sacramento

A Democratic state official yesterday formally requested California's income tax board to bill President Nixon for state income taxes.

A 24-page complaint claiming that Nixon owes the taxes was filed with the State Franchise Tax Board by William M. Bennett, an elected member of the State Board of Equalization.

The White House declared in December that Nixon has paid no state or local income taxes since becoming President in 1969. His tax attorneys have contended he is not a resident of California state income taxes.

Bennett's complaint cites news reports, White House statements and Nixon's own comments as evidence that the President is liable for state income taxes.

There was no immediate comment from Franchise Tax Board officials, who have refused to discuss Nixon's case, contending that all state tax matters — including those involving the President — are confidential.

Bennett's legal-style complaint noted that Nixon has voted in California since 1969, that he owns property at San Clemente and that he has a personal attorney, accountant, physician and a bank account in California.

Bennett said whenever there is a question about a person's California tax liability, the state sends the individual an assessment of estimated taxes. The tax is then paid under protest pending appeal.

This is what should be done in Nixon's case, Bennett contended.

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