

Practical Assistants Speech - 10/10/48

Revenue Act of 1948
Enacted April 2, 1948.

I. Reduction of individual income taxes

a) Apply rates to taxable income & apply a reduction percentage to arrive at tax payable.

- { Tax not over \$400 - % is 17%
- { Over \$400 but not over \$100,000 - 68 plus 12%
- { Over \$100,000 - \$2,020 plus 9.75%

Persons with incomes of \$2,000 or less after deductions & exemptions - 12.6% reduction
\$2,000 to \$136,700 - 12.6 on first \$2,000 + 7.4 on rest

b) Personal exemptions - \$500 to \$600.
Old age - 65 yrs an additional
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c) Standard Deduction { Prior law - flat \$500 on income more than \$5,000.
New law - \$500 or 1% of adjusted gross income, whichever is less.
H. & W. can't one itemize & other use standard deduction.

II Splitting of income between H. & W.

No tax saving if the combined net income in excess of exemptions is not greater than \$2,000.

Fact that one spouse has no income immaterial.

Can't include earnings of a minor child

"All" income.

H. & W. must file joint returns.





Calculating the tax

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