

AGENDA



FEDERAL TAXATION COMMITTEE

National Association of REALTORS®
2013 REALTORS® Conference
Westin San Francisco Market Street
Metropolitan Ballroom II
Friday, November 8, 2013
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Chair: Scott Griffith, MI

Vice Chair: Douglas McCloud, OH

Committee Liaison: Robert Kulick, CA

Committee Executive: Evan Liddiard, DC

I. Call to Order

II. [NAR Conflict of Interest](#)

III. NAR Presidential RPAC Challenge – Status

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting's [Minutes](#)

V. Guest Speaker – John Weicher of Hudson Institute, Discussing MID

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Review of Federal Tax Reform Policy Developments Since Last Meeting

B. Outlook for Tax Reform in the Aftermath of Debt Limit Showdown Deal
Both the Senate and House tax writing committees have stated their intent to introduce tax reform proposals prior to the end of the year. While no specifics have been mentioned yet, it is suspected that real estate tax provisions will be reduced given their large "score" by the Congressional Budget Office. While both Democrats and Republicans agree that reform of the tax code is necessary, the biggest hurdle remaining is whether tax reform should be revenue neutral (supported by Republicans) or should raise revenue (supported by Democrats). So long as neither party is willing to compromise, tax reform may move through committees and possibly even floor votes, but nothing will reach the President's desk until a compromise on this issue is reached.

C. Outlook for Extension of Expiring Tax Provisions

On June 19, 2013, Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) introduced S. 1187, "The Mortgage Forgiveness Tax Relief Act." This bill would extend for two years the current law provision that allows tax relief for homeowners when lenders forgive some portion of mortgage debt they owe, such as in a short sale. Federal tax law generally provides that when individuals are forgiven of debt, they have taxable income. However, a REALTOR-endorsed provision first enacted in 2007 provided relief to most taxpayers who found themselves with forgiven mortgage debt in connection with their principal residence. Unfortunately, the provision was only temporary and has expired and been

extended several times. The most recent extension is scheduled to expire at the end of 2013. S. 1187 would extend the provision through the end of 2015.

D. Summary of NAR Lobbying Activity on Tax Reform Since Last Meeting

VII. New Business

A. [Discussion on Pending Legislation Easing Some Provisions of FIRPTA](#)

B. [Polling on Mortgage Interest Deduction](#)

C. Discussion on Data Showing Percentage of Homes Reaching \$500K in Value

D. Update on Marketplace Fairness Act

Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013—Authorizes each member state under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (the multistate agreement for the administration and collection of sales and use taxes adopted on November 12, 2002) to require all sellers not qualifying for a small-seller exception (applicable to sellers with annual gross receipts in total U.S. remote sales not exceeding \$1 million) to collect and remit sales and use taxes with respect to remote sales under provisions of the Agreement, but only if such Agreement includes minimum simplification requirements relating to the administration of the tax, audits, and streamlined filing. Defines "remote sale" as a sale of goods or services into a state in which the seller would not legally be required to pay, collect, or remit state or local sales and use taxes unless provided by this Act.

E. Overview of Newly-Finalized Tangible Property Regulations

F. Input From Members on Most Important 2014 Federal Tax Policy Issues

G. Discussion About Sufficiency of Existing Committee Policies

VIII. Adjournment

Members should check NAR's Federal Taxation Committee [website](#) for additional attachments prior to the meetings.