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**Veto Message: Governor Mead
1910 (S.73)**

An act to amend section 581 of the Public Statutes relating to the examination of tax inventories and the production thereof in court.

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., December 6, 1910.

To the Honorable Senate:

The phraseology of bill entitled

"S. 73. An act to amend section 581 of the Public Statutes relating to the examination of tax inventories and the production thereof in court," allows a commission authorized by the General Assembly, a member of such commission, the attorney general, the commissioner of State taxes, the State's attorney of the county and persons thereby designated in writing to inspect tax inventories in the hands of town clerks, but prohibits such officials and persons from disclosing except for official use any data obtained by an examination thereof, or of the contents of any abstract or copy thereof made by them in such manner as to reveal the identity of the taxpayer making such inventory.

The bill also allows the listers, selectmen, treasurer, collector of taxes, town grand jurors and attorneys for the town wherein such inventories are lodged to inspect the same, but does not prohibit such town officials from disclosing the contents thereof. No apparent reason exists for restricting such disclosures on the part of state officials and permitting them on the part of town officials.

I therefore respectfully return this bill to the Senate without my signature.

JOHN A. MEAD,

Governor's Veto Sustained
S.73 1910

The Governor's veto was sustained in the House by unanimous vote in the negative.

Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, December 6, 1910 (pages 244-245)