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Tax on Unabomber reward is part of budget debate

WASHINGTON — Lastminute wrangling over the \$500 billion budget bill pending on Capitol Hill extended to a provision that would waive the tax on a \$1 million reward given to David Kaczynski for turning in his older brother Theodore as the Unabomber.

A summary of the bill released Monday said the tax-waiver provision had been included in the measure. But Elizabeth Morra. spokeswoman for the House Appropriations Committee, said Monday night that the provi-

sion had been pulled from the bill.

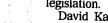
Members of the Ways and Means Committee objected to the inclusion of a tax provision benefiting a single person in what is supposed to be a spending bill, Morra said.

In August, the FBI gave the reward to David Kaczynski for providing information pivotal to convicting his brother.

Kaczynski said he would use the reward to help the victims of his brother's bombs, which killed three men and injured 29 other people between 1978 and 1995.

The reward was paid by the federal government, which in turn would require \$355,000 to be returned in income taxes, congressional aides said.

David Kaczynski met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to discuss the situation. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and two New York congressmen sponsored the legislation.



David Kaczynski, a social worker from upstate New York. approached the FBI after he noticed similarities between the Unabomber's 35,000-word anti-technology manifesto and letters

Theodore Kaczynski agreed to a plea bargain in January to escape a possible death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

From staff and wire reports

