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Would you be likely to support or oppose a bill to:

Raise the sales tax

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I believe we need tax reform, I could see an increase based on trade offs and empowering taxpayers. In other words, I would like to see state income taxes go away, how would we make up the difference? Increase in sales tax may be one way or include services or none taxed sales.. Possible emphasis on user fees can be addressed as well. If a person takes home more money he or she can determine what they want to spend it on. another off setting solution to Lost income taxes would be Internet sales tax requirement. User fee's I don't mind, paying for something that doesn't benefit me and money being wasted is irritating.

Lower the sales tax

Oppose

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

As stated before, this is an advantage we can give the consumer and give him more money to spend as he or she determines.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

Middle class and lower must get the largest break here. We've given enough breaks to the higher incomes expecting a thriving economy. That plan doesn't seem to be unfolding.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Again a good user fee proposal. I must have details as to how capital would be spent from this fee.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Higher fees may support healthier choices. lower fees will not.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

Small businesses need incentives to set up shop in Idaho, Do away with personal property tax ect. but Alternatives must be found to make up the losses in revenue.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

I think all entitlements should be put on the table. Sunset laws should be on almost all legislation to be the chain reaction of legislation doesn't have a negative effect.

HB 519 is a prime example of catering to special interests.

Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I won't participate in a shared project with the Federal government unless Idaho get all it's money from it. It's a yes from me if we get all our sales tax and share nothing. Board towns are really hurt by across the boarder no tax towns.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate on tax increases

Support

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases

Support

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue

Not sure

Please explain your position:

We definately need credits and deductions studied and put on the table. I stated what I thought could happen as trade offs of income versus user fees and so on. this should come later but government also has to shrink to acceptable levels of service versus private enterprise.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to lower the overall sales and/or income tax rates

Support

Please explain your position:

Any was we can level the playing field I will approve of. As I've already stated the Tax code needs restructuring.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Every state agency has to tighten it's belt and has but further work needs done. If we can reduce the size of government and streamline the process we will be able to handle hard times again with less bitterness.

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Being a conservative I know there are those within my party that think this OK. I am not one of them. We may need to look at funding issues here but no, I won't throw people away.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Oppose

Please explain your position:

These programs should be closely regulated, we need the bare essentials here but more involvement to get people back to work. Dignity comes from ownership of your life not from constantly having to accept assistance.

Department of labor needs more control over Jobs in Idaho, all jobs should be documented and come through or at least be documented by the labor department.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Urban renewal is a local issue, it should be funded that way. I believe the State should allow more Self determination of Local and County governments. LOT's and like system should be allow locally if that is what the communities want.

Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners

Support

Please explain your position:

Any allocation of public funds should be under elected officials.

Ban the Land Board or other government agencies from owning businesses that compete with the private sector

Support

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

civil right invasion, parents and operator decisions.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Often times other insurances are not recognized across state lines by physicians or Hospitals. This leaves an out of pocket expense that can keep patients from receiving services. Regulation to correct that should take place.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I need the language to give an opinion on this. I will say in Idaho we need more choices in our health care system. More importantly we need competition in health care providers. There needs to be a plan to draw an opinion from.

Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home schools

Support

Please explain your position:

I support private schools but will always support public schools. I will no support funding privatized education. If it is a free market system then they can pay there way.

Public school is a constitutional require for one simple reason, all children need the same advantages whether they can afford it or not.

In general, I believe state government (select one):

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

We as republicans state we need government out of our lives and freedom for our citizens yet we continue with burdensome bureaucracy, regulation and invasion of civil rights right here in Idaho. We need to stand behind our rhetoric and start producing less restrictive, conservative and productive government and a productive economy as a focus.