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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Please note: I did support the 2006 special legislative session bill, which had an overall tax reduction and removed the public school M&O from property taxes.

Lower the sales tax

Not Sure

Please explain your position:

It depends on overall tax structure/policy...other tax rates should be reduced first, such as income tax rates and business personal property taxes.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Lower the income tax

Support

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I believe "sin taxes" are inherently problematic as tax policy, however, I do not see any effort to lower the excise tax rates. Other tax rates/policy should be addressed first as noted above.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

This is on a case by case assessment, taking into consideration numerous factors. For example, I supported the tax exemption for aircraft parts and I was opposed to the sunset extension for wind energy projects.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

This is also on a case by case assessment. For example, I am not sure media press equipment and ski resorts have justifications for their current tax breaks, but I would be opposed to changing tax break policies regarding healthcare expenses and service businesses.

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

Oppose

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

Support

Please explain your position:

In general terms. A consideration may have to be made regarding the repeal of existing tax exemptions.

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

Not sure

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

Oppose

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:

I support, but on a case by case assessment. It would depend on several factors, including fairness and overall tax policy thresholds. For example, it would be unwitting to do away with an income tax credit in order to reduce a tax rate, just to have the tax rate go back up in the future. A supermajority vote requirement would protect the tax policy.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Reduce, reform or end.....depending on the program, but would have to consider federal implications as part of the policy change.

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

Oppose

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Or possibly restrain to very specific parameters, with voter approval and no tax shift implications.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

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

Support

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

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

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

Support

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut