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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I will oppose all efforts to raise any taxes. The tax burden on our citizenry is already way too high, and the State Legislature needs to be more innovative when it comes to spending other peoples money.

Lower the sales tax

Support

Please explain your position:

I will support an effort to lower the sales tax, as long as it is not a shell game....for example: lowering the sales tax, but now including a tax on services.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I will NEVER vote to raise the income tax. I believe strongly that people should keep the fruits of thier labor, and government funding needs to come from other sources, rather than a direct tax on labor.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

I would support lowering the income tax drastically. It is my contention that, if citizens were able to keep thier money up front, they would spend more, and the government would get the tax reciepts from citizen spending. That type of spending is more beneficial because it gives people jobs (to create and sell products that would be purchased). With the income tax, there is no job or spending creation, because the tax (your money) doesn't run through the market, then to the government. It goes directly from your employer to the government.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

A "sin" tax is still a tax. Those who are in the lowest income brackets in the state are the ones who are purchasing these products the most. So, one could rightfully argue that you are increasing taxes on the poorest citizens in the state, and why would I do that?

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Support

Please explain your position:

It is true that people are still struggling economically. This can be ignored, but I refuse to ignore this fact. To do ANYTHING to relieve a tax burden on the citizenry would be a good thing.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I don't think it is ethical to create "special" government anything. The power to tax is the power to destroy, and therefore, doing special tax breaks could make or break some companies, and I would not support giving the government this power. The power to manipulate the market for or against any entities.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I would lean toward broadening the tax break to all businesses and industries. :)

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I would only support an action similar to this if it was done along with repealing the income tax.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I would LOVE to do this.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I would love to do this.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I have had to tighten the belt, use my grit and ingenuity to make my personal budget balance. I did NOT have the ability to TELL my boss that he is giving me a raise, and then give it to myself. I don't believe state government should be able to do that either.

I would personally work with the departments that have reduced budgets in finding new and innovative ways of making ends meet, without eating out the sustenance of the citizens of Idaho.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

On this one, it would depend on the semantics of the proposal. Like my earlier example, I don't believe we should be taxing services, so I would not support eliminating the service exemption to lower the sales tax. But, I am not opposed to the idea of eliminating exemptions to lower the tax rate, it would just depend on the specifics.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

The idea of getting a supermajority to increase taxes and fees is a wonderful one.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I would reform the entitlement programs. I would like to see H&W assist those who, verifiably, are doing things to improve thier lives. Right now, we reward those the most that are doing the least, or even NOTHING to help themselves. For example, A single mom, who is working at a fast food joint, can barely pay rent and utilities, and doesn't know where she will get the money to put food on the table, goes to H&W to get assistance, but gets denied because she is making too much money. Well, it would serve her to QUIT her job, so that she can qualify. We have this system set up so it HURTS recipents more, RATHER than helps them gain independence. This is immoral.

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

Oppose

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Urban renewal does NOT have enough oversight, or accountability to the people that fund it, you and I. And, rather than EXPAND government to create oversight, I believe moving this type of service to the PRIVATE SECTOR is the right thing to do. No governmental role in it, other than what is normal for any construction type project already in place.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

No way!

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I would support this in the absence of the ability to eliminate urban renewal from government completely.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

This is completely immoral. Hitler would be proud of the Land Board. Government has a "leg up" because they do not have to pay the taxes that private citizens and businesses do, therefore they will eliminate the competition pricewise. Eventually, if left unfettered, the State will own all the businesses and we will be completely communist/fascist, however you see fit to describe government control/ownership of industry and business. This is extremely alarming, and completely UN American.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I believe this is the proper role of a PARENT, not the government. If you do not have control over your own body, or your children, how can you be free?

I would support a voluatry effort on the part of tanning facilities to require parental permission to use tanning beds. I believe those that want this legislation should be lobbying the tanning industry, NOT the Legislature.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

I cannot see why we do not allow Idahoans to buy health insurance like we do car insurance, homeowners insurance and all the other insurances we have!?

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I have yet to see one governmental program that works more efficiently than the private sector. I believe anything we relegate to governmental manipulation should be considered with great gravity, and deliberation. Government is force. I believe we should, to remain a free society, always seek to surrender the l *east* amount of things to governmental control.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

YES!

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut