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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

There is no need to raise the sales tax.

Lower the sales tax

Not Sure

Please explain your position:

Should revenues be sufficient to fund state mandated services with a lower sales tax, I would support lowering.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Income tax was lowered this year and I supported that effort.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

I supported the measure this year that lowered the income tax.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I do not feel it is right to impose high "sin" taxes on certain items alone.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I would need to see the legislation. There has been, in the past, special tax breaks provided and to be fair to all they should be provided to all or eliminated all together.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

See answer above.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

This issue needs further study. Sales tax should be fair to all. To apply a sales tax to local businesses and allow internet sales to be sales tax free gives an advantage to the internet sales. This does not provide for local economy and jobs.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Other states have done this and have later run into state funding problems. The legislature ought to have the will and knowledge as to when tax increases are justified and necessary. I do not feel that the legislature has had a problem in this regard.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Some fees are self-imposed on self and should not need legislative approval.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Would depend on if there was a specific purpose for use of the increased revenue. Just to raise the revenue aould not be justification to eliminate them.

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:

These items would need close scrutiny to see which ones could be eliminated. If they can, I would favor elimination to lower tax rates.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Idaho has done a good job of balancing its budget within it revenue both under the economic downturn as well as in good times. We have shown other states and the federal government that we can and do live within our means.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Participation needs to be closely monitored to ensure that abuse of the system is not occurring.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Programs such as these shold only serve those who are "truly" in need of such services, not just anyone.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Urban renewal, if used properly and according to the law, can be valuable. Sideboards need to be established that keep it within the framework of its original purpose.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I have supported the urban renewal laws over the past couple of sessions. Urban renewal can be an effective tool if it is used as it was originally intended. The problem lies in the over stepping of the original intent of the law.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I would need to see the legislation, i.e., to see who gets to vote.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I supported the legislation this year.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Support

Please explain your position:

I supported this legislation.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

Health insurance should be no different than the purchase of any product.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Support

Please explain your position:

A state health exchange can provide for choice and lower health care costs to citizens.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I support school choice but they need to be treated fairly and equally.

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

Regulates about the right amount; I would not seek to add new regulations or eliminate existing ones

Please explain your position:

There ought to be a 4ht choice, i.e., that there are areas where regulations should be eliminated and other areas where in some circumstances where regulations need altering or added.