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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Don't all politicians say they oppose higher taxes?

Lower the sales tax

Not Sure

Please explain your position:

hlclosborne@aol.com Perhaps there are other questions later in the survey but I would favor lowering the sales tax in exchange for taxing internet sales on a dollar for dollar basis with no increase in total tax collections

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Lowering the tax on the highest teirs as was done in the last session is not fair. Income taxes should have been lowered on all payers

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

I would conditionally support raising taxes on tobacco, beer and wine only if an equel amount of taxes are reduced elsewhere

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

With the Health issues that each of these inflict on the users it is one way to at least pay for enforcement and partially pay for the health issues that use of these items inflict on the users

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Sometimes there are good reasons to support a startup industry but any special tax breaks should be limited both as to time and amount

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I would judge these on a case by case basis but the special tax breaks that renewable energy now enjoy should be eliminated

It is one thing to give tax breaks for services that will give the consumer access to a cheaper product and quite another to give tax breaks to services or products which will cost the consumer more--Govt. edict on these things should be used very carefully and in most cases should not be used at all

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

Support

Please explain your position:

My support is conditional that other taxes be lowered the amount that would be gained by putting this into effect.. Lowering the sales tax by an equel amount would be a simple way to do this.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Tax increases are too easy to raise and to hard to lower. Every Dollor of tax money is never enough

Can you hear me say UNCLE

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I don't know if that broad a measure is a good idea but am open to hearing more on the subject

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Once again elimination of exemptions should be matched on a dollor for dollor basis in lowering other taxes

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:

See above

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

time and motion studies or their equivelant would be a good idea to identify where savings could be made. The best stronger limitation would be the election of people who realize the value of a dollor and how hard it is to earn one much less keep a portion of ir.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Much of this runs counter to federal rules but in general I believe substantial improvement is needed in these programs both as to eligibility and length of time participants are eligible

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

My record speaks for itself.. My participation in requiring new UR districts that are formed to have a vote by the people is already having an impact. While their are no doubt instances of UR districts being used the way the origional law intended the abuse of power by many UR boards leaves me with the conclusion that we would be better off if UR were eliminated in the State of Idaho

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

You have got to be kidding

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

Support

Please explain your position:

half a loaf is better than none--I continue to support elimination if and when it has a political chance

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

Support

Please explain your position:

The way the landboard is interpreting the Constitution no buisness is safe . I am adamantly opposed to owning of buisnesses by the land board or any other public agency including State Liqour stores

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Does the nanny state have to control everything? Maybe we should fine their mothers if they do not wear a hat on a sunny day

(sarcasm)

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

If I can buy other things on the internet accross state lines I see no reason health insurance should not be included on the list

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Not sure

Please explain your position:

This is an issue I am not fullu informed on

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

Support

Please explain your position:

In general I am in favor of school choice options. Adequate testing as a monitor on student progress should be part of all of these to ensure the students are actually learning something

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

Not only State govt. but local and federal regulate too much also. It even extends down into homeowner associations