

Washington Report: Withholding Update

by Congressman **Walker B. Jones**

Since many of you have written this office regarding your opposition to the imposition of a withholding tax on interest and dividends which is scheduled to become effective July 1, you will be happy to know that last week the House, by an overwhelming vote of 382 to 41, voted to repeal the implementation of this tax. Previously the Senate had voted on this same question, but their action postponed the initiation of this tax for three years. Since there has been so much opposition to this tax, it is expected that the Senate will agree with the House and completely repeal the entire matter. By way of explanation, what this legislation would have done would be to require banks and Savings and Loans to withhold and forward to the Treasury at regular intervals during the calendar year, a percentage of their interest and dividends. Currently, all investors are provided a W-2 form at the end of the year, and I am convinced that most people pay their just and fair taxes.

In other legislative action, the House voted to increase the Veterans Appeals Board membership from 50 to 65. This was necessary due to the many increases in numbers of

veterans claims which find their way here to Washington to the Board of Appeals. I certainly felt this action was justified, as our Congressional office alone has certainly noticed an increase in the workload of veterans' appeal cases which we handle over the past few years. Also during the week, the House approved the authorization funding for the U.S. Customs Service and U.S. Trade Representative. The amounts involved were \$627,759,000 for the Customs Service and \$11,897,000 for the U.S. Trade Representative.

It might be of interest to know some of the demands of this office are almost as important as casting votes on the House Floor. A good example of this was last week we learned that this Administration, at the White House level, was planning to get legislation introduced which would permit the diversion of several thousand barrels of our Alaskan oil per day to be shipped to Japan on Japanese ships. This would be a serious blow to our American merchant marine, to say nothing of our need for this Alaskan oil in the event we should encounter another oil crisis. I protested vigorously to the proper White House official, and assured him that I would do everything possible as Chair-

man of the Merchant Marine Committee to defeat said legislation if it was offered. Other Members called also, and I am happy to report that at the meeting on Thursday, May 19, the Administration abandoned all plans to divert the Alaskan oil. I mention this to show that finally I am beginning to believe that the White House is willing to negotiate with the Congress on some controversial measures which had not been

true during the first two years of the Reagan Administration. Many of you are concerned about the tobacco support program, and in an area of compromise we have tentatively come up with an agreement which still needs to be refined and changed to some degree. Upon the final approval and the consensus of all farm groups, I will report the details at a later date.

Artillery Unit Plans 1st Reunion

The mighty 36th Field Artillery roar back to Fort Bragg for their first full blown reunion on October 8 at Moon Hall, on the Post.

Full details concerning the reunion may be obtained by writing: Danny Tanous, 36th F.A. Association, 25 Knowles Rd., Watertown, Mass. 02172. Two organizational reunions have already been annually held at Hyannis, Cape Cod, Mass., in '81, and at Arlington, Va., in '82. However this will be the first fully organized reunion in October of this year.

The 36th was first organized as a regular army unit August of 1918, at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and after a short life was demobilized following the end of WWI on February 8, 1919.

Yet to write its name in glory, the 36th was reactivated in 1939 on October 10 at Fort Bragg and outfitted with the old 155 mm. GPF guns left over from WWI. Amid horsedrawn and mule artillery the 36th was dubbed

a "cosmoline outfit" and made the Louisiana and Carolina maneuvers of 1941. At last outfitted with brand new 155 mm. "Long Tom" guns, the 36th shipped out of Fort Bragg on a bright and hot August day to blaze its way through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany, with its 1500 men and officers.

Campaign credits were given the unit for Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, North Apennines, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, and Po Valley. France awarded the 36th with the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Spring Concert

The Cultural Arts Department of John A. Holmes High School will present its annual spring choral concert on Thursday, May 26th at 8:00 P.M. It will take place in the school auditorium. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and fifty cents for students.

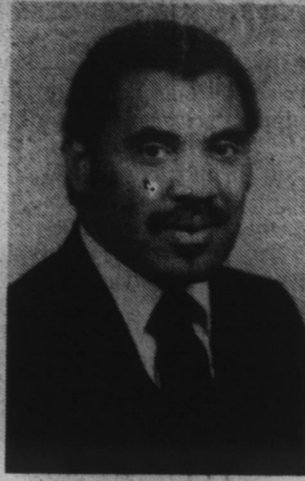
Featured on the program are: Mixed Chorus I, Mixed Chorus II, Treble Ensemble, and the Concert Choir. The program is under the direction of Shelby Strother. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Towe Winner

RALEIGH—Elizabeth Towe of Perquimans County High School in Hertford won first and second place honors in the recent Tar Heel Junior Historian program.

She won first place for photography of houses and second place for architectural detail.

Another Hertford winner was Tammy Lane whose "Model of the Newbold White House" earned her a three way tie in the Individual Arts division.



Bobby Joe Lewis

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Bobby Joe is currently an associate professor of biology at Elizabeth City State University.

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Lewis graduated from Commercial College, Champaign, Ill. and the College of Albemarle, Elizabeth City in Real Estate.

Vital Role

Every employer in this country - large or small, public or private - has a stake in a strong national defense and a vital role to play in ensuring its continuation.

Understanding the role of the National Guard and Reserve and the vital missions they perform in maintaining a strong defense posture is important for all employers as citizens. There are many who make a direct contribution to the effort - those who have members of the Guard and Reserve working for them.

Employers can provide positive support for their citizen/military employees in many ways:

- Sign a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve and display it proudly and prominently for all to see.

- Formalize personnel policies concerning participation in the Guard or Reserve. Include provisions for military leaves of absence exclusive of earned vacation time and job opportunities and benefits equal to those for employees who do not participate.

- Encourage employee participation in Guard and Reserve programs, recognizing that their dedication, training and commitment will enhance their performance on-the-job.

- Recognize in internal communications the accomplishments of Guard and Reserve employees for their patriotic part-time activities.
- Seek immediate resolution of job/military training conflicts.

Without the support and cooperation of their civilian employers, members of the Guard and Reserve often encounter problems in their efforts to perform a patriotic duty. With support, our national defense will remain strong and ready.

Since 1973, this nation has met its military and personnel requirements without the aid of a draft. The National Guard and Reserve Forces have been assigned increasingly important roles in all-volunteer total force and are the primary source for augmentation in any emergency requiring rapid and substantial expansion of the active forces.

Because of this increased reliance, the training and readiness of the Guard and Reserve Forces must be maintained at the highest possible level. They are being provided with more modern equipment, aircraft, vehicles and armament, and steps are being taken to make citizen/military service both attractive and challenging. However, much of the success in obtaining and maintaining a strong Guard and Reserve depends upon this nation's employers.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR) asks all employers to sign a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

Graham Notes Gas Discount Regulation

RALEIGH—Service station operators and employees, and the general public need to be aware of the requirements when selling or buying fuel for which a discount can be given for cash payment, said Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

"The management and owners of service stations offering discounts for cash should be aware that they are required to give that discount each and every time a customer pays cash for gasoline," Graham stated. "However, the customer also has the responsibility to make

sure that he or she gets what she has paid cash for—in this case, a discount." State regulations require also that a station offering cash discounts post prices on a per gallon basis for cash sales as well as credit card sales. In addition, any condition or qualification that must be met in order to receive the cash discount must be clearly posted.

At service stations where cash discounts are offered, any employee or operator not giving the cash-paying customer that discount is violating the Weights and

Measures Acts of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The first offense is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500, three month's imprisonment, or both. The second offense could mean a fine of not less than \$100 or not more than \$1,000, one year's imprisonment, or both.

Persons having problems receiving cash discounts at stations offering these discounts should contact the Consumer Standards Division, N.C. Department of Agriculture, at (919) 733-3313.

IRS Rules On Reporting Tips Clarified

GREENSBORO—The Internal Revenue Service clarified new rules for the reporting of tips required by certain bar and restaurant employers under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

Glenn Jones, IRS public affairs officer, said. "A common misunderstanding is that this is a new tax on tips. It is not a new tax - tax on tip income has been in effect since 1913. Since 1965, workers receiving monthly tips of \$20 or more must report these tips to their employer for withholding purposes. This has not been changed by the new law."

Noting that some employers are withholding taxes on tips their employees

never received, Jones remarked, "This stems from a misreading of the requirement that an employer allocate tips when the total reported by the employees is less than 8 per cent of the establishment's gross sales."

As of April 1 of this year, the employer must subtract the reported tips from 8 per cent of the gross sales, with the difference being allocated among the employees. The 8 per cent allocation is for information purposes only, Jones said, and this amount will be shown and the employee's W-2 form separately from the wages and reported tips. It is not subject to withholding.

Jones added that it is also untrue that a worker who reports more than 8 per cent

of gross sales could be allocated tips if their employees report less than 8 per cent. Reportedly, some workers are getting "zero" paychecks because of the new law. This happens because some employers have withheld income tax on amounts that include the hourly wage plus the employee's share of the 8 per cent gross sales. This is clearly a mistake on the employer's part, Jones said.



A peanut, some say, is technically not a nut, but is a legume.

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\$42,000

New York Times
10-4-81

Thomas R. Mathews, Hunt Fundraiser

Paid Pol. Adv.

The JIM HUNT Record

Subject: Out-of-State Campaign contributions

Jim Hunt Said: Out-of-state campaign contributions create "obligations you ought not to have."

Jim Hunt Did: Organized a PAC to raise funds from liberals out of state-their fundraiser is Carver, Mathews, Smith and Co. of Washington, D.C.

What did leading Democrats say:

Jim Hunt's first "hate Jesse" letter mailed around the U.S. drew the following response:

"... When read the contents of the letter, Ervin [former U.S. Senator Sam Ervin] said, —I repudiate that letter, and I may have to withdraw from that committee if this is their approach."

The News and Observer, 10-21-82

"... There's a streak of meanness and intolerance in the campaign to 'get' Helms that has no place in American politics — and that should be disturbing to all regardless of party label or ideology."

Editorial — The Augusta Chronicle, 3-19-83

Ask Yourself? WHY ARE THESE OUT-OF-STATE GROUPS PLANNING TO SPEND MILLIONS TO ELECT JIM HUNT?

- PROPAC (closely allied with AFL-CIO Union Bosses) ^{1,2}
- INDEPENDENT ACTION (left-wing PAC) ³
- FUND FOR A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY (Ted Kennedy's PAC) ⁴
- BLACK PAC (Ultra-liberal Julian Bond's PAC) ⁵

1. Asheville Citizen 10/6/82
2. News and Observer 10/21/82
3. Campaigns and Elections, Spring 1982
4. Raleigh Times 2/9/83
5. In These Times 3/2-6/83
6. Atlanta Constitution 5/2/82

Democrats for Jesse... A Man of Character

Paid for by Helms for Senate, Mark Stephens, Treasurer