

The Washington Report: Regan's Tax Increase Legislation

by Congressman Walter B. Jones
The news in Washington this week centered around the approval by Congress of

President Regan's tax increase legislation. The bill, which was first drafted and passed by the Senate, is designed to raise some \$98.3

billion extra in taxes over the next three years. Some five billion dollars of this revenue is projected to come from the doubling of the cigarette tax that is included within the bill. The federal excise tax on telephone service will also be raised from one to three percent. In addition, the bill contains a new withholding requirement for taxes on interest and dividends and a Medicare tax for federal employees. Deductions for medical expenses will be reduced as well as deductions for casualty and theft losses.

The bill was called by many the largest single tax increase in history. I am sure that most of you saw President Reagan on television last Monday night requesting support for the bill, which he called a tax reform bill. The extreme

irony of the situation is that, less than 13 months ago, President Reagan went on national television to appeal to the public for support of what was then called the largest tax cut in American history.

At that time, the President argued persuasively and successfully against an alternative tax plan proposed by the House Committee on Ways and Means. The President said that it did not do a complete job of cutting taxes to the extent necessary for economic recovery. However, the economy has not yet responded to last year's tax cuts and so government revenues have been much lower than expected. The frightening budget deficits that we are now facing are, at least to some extent, the result of the tax cuts which the

President proposed last year. These deficits have, in effect, forced the President into asking for and supporting a \$98 billion tax increase for the next three years.

As if to underscore the irony of all this, the debate on the tax bill found some strange bedfellows in Congress. For example, it is the only time in recent memory when the Speaker of the House, Congressman Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, has taken the floor to join in supporting the Republican leadership in the House in support of a Presidential legislative initiative. It was also interesting to note that Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts supported the President's tax plan.

In the House of Representatives, the vote in favor of the tax plan was 226 to 207. Democrats and Republicans both cast majorities for the bill, 123 to 118 among Democrats and 103 to 87 among Republicans. In the Senate,

Republicans backed the President 43 to 11 and Democrats voted against the bill, 35 to 9. The North Carolina delegation in the House of Representatives voted 10 to 1 against the bill. I, of course, voted with most of my Colleagues from North Carolina against the bill. It was our feeling that the five billion dollar tax on

cigarettes was totally out of line given that tobacco products have more than paid their fair share in federal taxes through the years.

After the House received the tax bill from the Senate, the North Carolina delegation worked with our Colleagues in the House in an attempt to have the cigarette tax taken out or, at least, reduced substantially. After this effort failed, we attempted to have the bill sent back to the committee or defeated on the House Floor. However, as has been the case so often this session, the President's lobbying efforts were completely successful.

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