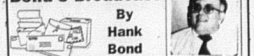


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Bond's Broadcast



By Hank Bond
The cost of this proposed tax may be more than 5 percent. One percent tax may be better.

With the onset of Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson's plans for generating revenue, there may be an easier way to collect some of the money. The governor has indicated there are several areas which should be taxed and some which should be left alone. There is no easy way to collect tax in a state where it seems the tax rate just continues to go up in all areas: property taxes, occupational taxes, municipal taxes...

However, in light of the governor's plan to place tax on services, the result of such a tax has already been documented in other states. Several months ago the state of Florida levied a similar service tax and within six months 10,000 jobs were lost. Projections showed a total of 47,000 jobs would have been lost if the tax had remained on the books for one full year. It was repealed after six months.

In Kentucky it appears it would be no different. Should the services tax be passed those operations affected would have only two alternatives. One, absorb the tax into the rates already charged and pay the tax as part of operations expense. Two, pass the tax along on invoices in Kentucky would be in a position to absorb the cost at current operational levels, thus either the cost would have to be passed along - or in the case of lost business, jobs would be lost.

It is not a very pretty picture for anyone in business or those employed in the service industry. In a company with a gross of \$500,000 per year affected by the tax, this would mean a tax amount of \$25,000 - or two full-time positions at a pay rate of \$12,500 per year.

A better plan of action - one which would affect everyone and generate probably twice or three times as much as a services tax - would be to increase the sales tax across the board to 6 percent.

This would affect general consumers and individuals in the same manner, which business' tax liability would go up 1 percent as a business expense and an additional tax. On \$10,000 worth of purchases on an annual basis, this would increase the tax liability from \$500 to \$600 or one hundred work - for everyone.

In Florida, the state had to employ several hundred workers to administer and regulate the services tax. A big cost to taxpayers. In the state revenue to the state was nearly as great as it appeared to be.

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Only time will tell how the legislature will handle the taxation problem, but one thing is for certain, if taxes are to be levied we can afford a state to have taxation which costs jobs on a broad scale. The federal minimum wage bill will already have impact on that. Let's take these things one step at a time.

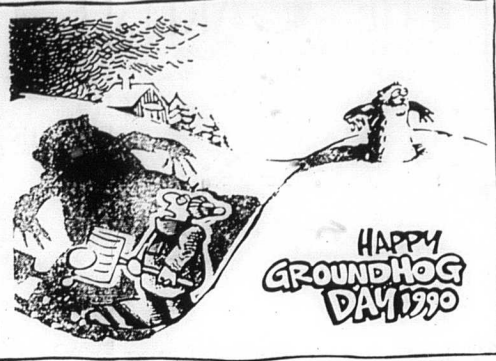
And so, for another week, thanks and thirty. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: We need to do away with property taxes and all of the other tax evaluation on property. Naturally, this means we need to do away with the assessment of value, based on base or our lawmakers realize that in this day and time, there is no fair way to value property. They like to tell us that these assessments are necessary from time to time, but someone's opinion of value, based on base or comparable property. J.J. Fredrickson

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The buried past: a link to our history

In The Chigger Patch With Jeff Spradling

My uncle was killed in France in World War II. He died when a bullet struck his forehead on his left. Uncle Bob was buried in a military cemetery there, along with thousands of other soldiers who died there. My cousin and I plan to travel there someday and find his grave. It would be a trip in search of our heritage as much as a chance for peace of mind about some things that happened long before we were born.

Consider the mound builders, who inhabited our part of the world thousands of years ago. The clues we sift out of these ancient burial places help us slowly piece together our history. Each archeological and bone fragment adds another piece to a mosaic almost too great to imagine. I have a book in the newspaper office called History of Nicholas County published in 1876 by the Nicholas County Historical Society, which devotes an entire chapter to local cemeteries. It lists 73 cemeteries in the county, and also includes a section about single graves. The largest graveyard in Nicholas County, by far, is the Carlisle Cemetery, with graves dating from the Revolutionary War. The war memorial section includes soldiers such as James W. McCracken, who died at Colliery, Germany, in 1919, and Eddy Roy McKinley, who was killed in action in the Argonne Forest in 1918. The Carlisle Cemetery listing includes thousands of names. Many nights I have sat there, in my mind, for myself, along side my father, and his parents, in a small graveyard within spitting distance of my home. Many nights I have sat there, in my mind, for myself, along side my father, and his parents, in a small graveyard within spitting distance of my home. Many nights I have sat there, in my mind, for myself, along side my father, and his parents, in a small graveyard within spitting distance of my home.

News from the General Assembly

By Hon. Adrian Arnold State representative. The start of any session usually finds legislators smoothing rough edges out of the process in anticipation of the onslaught of bills and resolutions. As legislators get their feet wet with legislative activity, the House Labor and Industry Committee approved several bills that would change some procedures in the workers' compensation process. House Bill 147 would allow labor and management to have co-chairmen on the workers' compensation advisory council. Current law provides for only one chairman. House Bill 149 requires a 45-day notice to the workers' compensation board in claims against the special fund, which pays for injuries that occur through no fault of anyone. Many penal experts have expressed concern that the special fund is for permanent disabilities only. The committee approved several bills that would require all parties to be notified before the workers' compensation case is approved, and House Bill 152 would require a 30-day notice of any third party claim. The House should consider these bills sometime next week. Legislation was approved by members of the House that would make sure that all health care costs occur in Jefferson County, where health care costs increase due to this new super-hospital, the increase will be spread evenly across Kentucky. Although the General Assembly is barely out of the House, which will necessitate its return to the Senate for final passage. At this writing, the bill, as it passed the Senate, effectively leaves the existing Certificate of Need Law in place for Kentucky's other 119 counties. Meanwhile, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson himself continued to release parts of his proposed biennial budget. The budget includes holding news conferences throughout the week to announce the budget and another to reporters - although not official - at the legislature or leadership. He has announced portions during programs in higher education, for highway, economic development

By Hon. Ed Ford State senator. A new Senate rule giving us a better handle on future prison populations, coupled with second-hand news of the governor's proposed budget, capped a busy week in which controversial hospital construction legislation was passed. The change - adopted in part to help the prison over-crowding crisis, threatening to overwhelm our current system - requires that a correction department statement be attached to all legislation affecting prison populations. For example, a bill to impose or increase penalties for a crime would need a staff analysis of how many new prisoners the law could potentially generate. Prison overcrowding is endemic in our state, as I have stated on numerous occasions. The courts have ordered us to reduce the size of this session to date was approved by the state membership and Welfare Committee last week and sent to the floor for a vote. Passed on Friday, the amended bill will exempt Jefferson County from the state's Certificate of Need. Under the new Senate rule

GENERAL NEWS



A 'fair' donation

State senator Ed Ford, left, and state representative Adrian Arnold, right, present a check for \$213 to Nicholas County judge executive Hesse Simon to be used by the fair board. The money was appropriated by the state legislature through the state department of agriculture. The check was presented at a recent public forum in Carlisle.

Conservation video available to farmers

A videotape featuring tips on basic soil conservation practices is available to Nicholas County farmers through the local Conservation office. The 8 segment videotape, Conservation on Your own, shows farmers how to measure and manage crop residue, how to lay out contour lines and field borders, how to lay out contour buffer strips, points to consider in contour strip cropping, how to lay out wind strips, how to use grass to control small gullies, how to plant and maintain field windbreaks, and how to keep terraces working. Each of the segments discusses points to consider before beginning, tools needed, how the practices work, and how to details. The information is told to farmers from a farmer's perspective. It is intended to help farmers carry out basic soil conservation practices. All of the segments, none longer than 10 minutes, are packaged on one VHS tape. The tape was produced by the Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts. The videotapes are available for loan at the local Nicholas County Conservation District office located at 605 Moorefield Road. "We hope farmers in the county will take advantage of the tapes and written materials to do as much of their own soil conservation as they can," said Edgar Darrell, chairman of the Nicholas County Conservation Service. Continued on Page 9

Grant

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Assembly

Continued from Page 2. Most hospitals, other than Humana, are satisfied with present CON arrangements and believe that changed hospital beds already exist. Many believe that additional beds will create an even larger surplus and tend to drive health care costs up further. Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, the original sponsor of SB 68, withdrew in frustration as prime sponsor after the bill as amended to exempt Jefferson County from the Certificate of Need Law. Sen. Bailey believes that due to the fact that about 30 percent of all health care costs occur in Jefferson County, where health care costs increase due to this new super-hospital, the increase will be spread evenly across Kentucky. Although the General Assembly is barely out of the House, which will necessitate its return to the Senate for final passage. At this writing, the bill, as it passed the Senate, effectively leaves the existing Certificate of Need Law in place for Kentucky's other 119 counties. Meanwhile, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson himself continued to release parts of his proposed biennial budget. The budget includes holding news conferences throughout the week to announce the budget and another to reporters - although not official - at the legislature or leadership. He has announced portions during programs in higher education, for highway, economic development



Press association supports sales tax increase

LOUISVILLE (AP) - The Kentucky Press Association (KPA) board of directors has endorsed a 1 percent increase in the Kentucky state sales tax. The vote last Thursday followed similar action by the Kentucky Broadcasters Association one day earlier. Newspaper executives and staff members gathered during KPA's winter convention. Over 400 members were in attendance at the semi-annual event. David Thompson, KPA executive director, said the association's proposal to increase the sales tax was delivered to lawmakers early this week and that the group would ask its 160 newspaper members to endorse the sales tax increase. The KPA for 1990 are: Chairman, J. Lee Lyles, Lexington; Vice President, Jerry Lyles, Lexington; Secretary, Anthony Frank, Postmans; Treasurer, Robert Frank, Postmans; General of the U.S., David Thompson, KPA executive director.

Awards

Continued from Page 1. The Lexington Herald-Leader won first place in general excellence among daily dailies with circulation of 25,001 and up. David Hays, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, was elected president of the Kentucky Press Association Saturday at the 122nd KPA Winter Convention here. The Louisville Courier-Journal, Postmans, was the keynote speaker at the convention.

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