

Chairperson:

I am opposed to this bill because of the following:

No tax should be imposed without a public hearing and a public vote.

I can understand the golf course tax and possibly the veterinary tax, but I question many of the others. How can you promote business in the state if you keep increasing their tax costs which will, of course, be passed on to the consumer. It is my understanding that if you want to lower the tax base for consumers, you make the business environment more attractive to increase business and the economy will respond.

Has anyone done the math on how increasing the taxes in this manner will affect the future economics of the state? Many businesses have already left this state and many tax payers, especially retirees, have left because it's just too expensive to stay in CT. I don't see how these new proposed tax measures will make the state more attractive and promote the future economics of CT.

What is more important - accomplishing the goals of a current administration or looking out for the future of the state. If you want to balance the budget - stop spending and cut the FAT! How about making the state employees pay for benefits they receive like the rest of the world has been doing for a long time. For instance - all state employees should pay more for their benefits and all state employees should pay the \$104.?? per month Medicare benefit like non-state retirees do. I'm sure this is just scratching the surface.

This administration has taken away our 2nd amendment rights; driven business and tax payers out of the state and now wants to impose more taxes. Many that impact the construction of new businesses and homes. A perspective new home builder will now have to add a new line item to the cost of their dream home.

Keep up the good work..... I am not planning on retiring in this state because of measures like Bill 946.

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