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State Tax Collections Grow Over 10 Percent Death Tax Collections Decline

We wanted to update you on a recent bit of correspondence about tax collections released this week. In a memo dated Tuesday, March 14, 2006, to the Governor from Virginia Secretary of Finance Jody Wagner, she reports: "Through February, revenues grew 10.6 percent over the same period last year."

Other points of interest from the mid-session revenue reforecast show:

- Collections from estates, inheritance and gifts declined by \$13 million from the same time last year, or 11.7% less was collected from death taxes, likely reducing the eventual fiscal impact of repealing the tax.

- The General Fund (state tax collections) increased by about \$900 million over the same time last year (\$9.3 Billion by February 2006 vs. \$8.4 Billion by February 2005), or a 10.6 percent increase year-to-year.

- In addition to those tax revenues, profits generated by the Virginia Lottery originally were projected to grow at 2.4% for the year. The reforecast shows that through February 2006 they had actually grown nearly 15%, or \$40 million above the same time last year.

- Net individual income tax collections are more than 9 percent above what was collected through the same time last year, or an increase of just under \$500 million.

- Corporate income tax collections are 85.9 percent over the same time last year, over \$240 million more than by February 2005. We are hopeful that the General Assembly in their special session scheduled to begin March 27, will work to resolve their differences on repealing Virginia's death tax. In the \$75 billion budget for 2007-08, the House death tax repeal plan will cut taxes by \$98.9 million. In on-going years, full repeal will total about \$120 million a year.

The information gathered above can be found in the accompanying documents linked below.

[March 14, 2006 Memo to Governor Kaine about tax surpluses](#)

[Revenue Reforecast \(2/20/06\)](#)

Comment: THE DEMOCRATS AND RINO'S* WANT TO RAISE OUR TAXES. TELL THEM NO---REDUCE SPENDING INSTEAD. THE STATE SENATE AND GOVERNOR ARE OUT OF CONTROL. ED. * RINO is "Republican In Name Only."

Lesbians Lose This Time

A Virginia judge has ruled that a Vermont

court visitation order, issued in favor of a lesbian non-custodial and non-biological parent, may not be registered in Virginia because the state's laws do not allow civil unions or same-sex "."

Comment: Read the whole story on AGAPE PRESS, but my prediction is that the two women (lesbians) will not give up. What the other side can't have and want, they try public opinion, then legislation, then the courts. Losing there they will appeal hoping some judge along the way will give them what they want. Ed.

Report Chronicles U.N.'s 'Most Ungrateful' Nations

Many Nations Happy to Take U.S. Aid Money, but Oppose U.S. on Key Votes

By Chad Groening March 21, 2006 (AgapePress) - A United Nations "report card" issued recently by a conservative Internet news service reveals that most countries of the world have voted against the U.S. on key issues before the U.N. General Assembly. The survey found that Israel is America's most reliable ally at the U.N.

The annual "United Nations Report Card" was released by Newsmax.com earlier this month. Contributing editor Kenneth Timmerman says his organization examined 12 key General Assembly votes on issues of critical importance to the United States. A vast majority of the time, he says, U.N. members sided against the U.S. For example, the tally shows that even Great Britain -- a staunch and close ally -- did not vote with the U.S. very often.

"Britain does vote with us 17 percent of the time," Timmerman notes. "You would think they are our best ally; in fact, they're not." Who is, according to the survey? "Israel is our best ally -- they vote with us 83 percent of the time."

Timmerman says besides Israel, the Pacific nations of Palau, Micronesia, and Marshall Islands are the only other countries that side with the U.S. on most of the issues. "Outside of those four countries, we don't have very many friends at the United Nations," he observes.

According to Newsmax.com, some of the nations voting against the U.S. on a regular basis include some of the biggest recipients of American foreign aid -- in some case amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Timmerman notes a few of those.

"Egypt [has] received over \$10 billion in U.S. aid; they vote with us zero percent of the time," he notes. "Jordan still gets \$224 million a year ... zero [percent]. Turkey, they get a billion dollars in U.S. aid -- they don't vote with us at all; zero percent." According to the report card, other nations benefiting significantly from U.S. aid that register zero percent support include Ethiopia (almost \$600 million in aid), Colombia (\$524 million), and Peru (\$229 million).

Traditional U.S. allies France, Germany, Italy, Japan and South Korea all voted with the U.S. just 8 percent of the time. "So we have a real problem at the U.N. General Assembly," the Newsmax spokesman observes.

Many of the General Assembly votes, says Timmerman, were aimed at hurting the nation of Israel. "There's a huge percentage of votes at the United Nations which are all aimed at either delegitimizing the state of Israel [or] imposing restrictions on Israel's ability to defend itself from terrorism and things like that," he notes. "There is no other nation on Earth that has this kind of condemnation."

The latest United Nations Report Card appears in the March 2006 issue of Newsmax Magazine.

Comment: We need to ask our Representatives in the House to cut off all funding for the UN. Then maybe the Senate would have to go along and **GET US OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS.** The UN, otherwise known as the Communist take-over of the world body. Ed.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

From the Federalist

→"Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessing of heaven." —G. C. Lichtenberg

→ "[W]e don't have deficits because people are taxed too little. We have deficits because big government spends too much." —Ronald Reagan

→ "I believe it is fair to say most Republicans did not think George W. Bush was motivated to run for the presidency for the primary reason of cutting or controlling spending. But it is also fair to say that they did not think he was Lyndon B. Johnson. And that's what he's turned into." —Peggy Noonan

→ "The Senate vote increased the debt ceiling for the fourth time in five years. The statutory debt limit has now risen by more than \$3 trillion since President Bush took office. That any Republican majority could preside over such fiscally irresponsible spending ought to be grounds for revoking their party membership." —Cal Thomas

→ "[L]obbyists are not the main problem. After all, they don't get to vote on the legislation. The main problem is lawmakers passing bills they haven't read, and pretending they don't know about the pork that gets slipped in when they pretend they're not looking." —Paul Jacob

→ "Enough generations of socialist policies have now passed for us to judge their effects. They are bleak. Socialism undermines the character of a nation and of its citizens. In simpler words, socialism makes people worse." —Dennis Prager

→ "If blacks come to embrace triumph, rather than grievance, the wound to liberal Democrats would be mortal. It wouldn't take much of a desertion of the black vote to make Democrat hopes of recapturing Washington a permanent pipe dream." —Walter Williams

Group Seeks to Censure Jimmy Carter

By Susan Jones, CNSNews.com Senior Editor, March 22, 2006

(CNSNews.com) - They're angry, they're motivated, and they say their voices are going to be heard: A conservative, pro-military group has launched an effort to have former President Jimmy Carter censured by Congress.

That effort includes a Censure Carter website, which includes photos of Carter with various dictators and terrorists. Next week, Move America Forward said it will unveil a television ad campaign to spread the word about the effort to censure Carter.

The campaign is a response to Sen. Russ Feingold's resolution calling for the censure of President Bush.

Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat, has accused President Bush of undermining the Constitution and breaking the law with his terrorist surveillance program.

"Russ Feingold wants to censure our president for protecting the American people from terrorists, which is absurd," said Move America Forward Chairman Melanie Morgan.

"If the Members of Congress have an itchy finger to issue a resolution of censure, they should start with former President Jimmy Carter, who has repeatedly worked to undermine U.S. foreign policy, while happily promoting the interests of known terrorists and terrorist organizations," she added.

According to Morgan, Carter has attacked American foreign policy in North Korea while praising that nation's brutal dictator; he has attacked American foreign policy in Cuba while propping up "the murderous thug, Fidel Castro." And now Carter is condemning American and Israeli policies against terrorism while urging support for the terrorist organization, Hamas.

A non-binding censure resolution serves as a Congressional reprimand, and can be issued against either a sitting or former president or other political leader.

Comment: Ex-President Carter never met a dictator he didn't love. Ed.

THE ARMED CITIZEN

After an armed burglar stole \$100 from his home, Angel Benitez took a self-defense class and obtained a concealed-

carry permit. "This year, I'm going to prepare myself," Benitez recalled saying to himself. And, according to police, he did just that when he heard the screams of his friend, Carmen Ramos. Benitez found a man pointing a gun at Ramos. "When I saw the gun, I fired," said Benitez. "He could have killed my friend." Ramos' daughter, who was watching television, thought her mother had been shot, but then saw the burglar stumble out the door. "He was yelling 'Ow, ow!'" she recalled. A man with a gunshot wound later arrived at the hospital, but police were still investigating whether he was the intruder. (*The Hartford Courant*, Hartford, CT, 11/18/05)

Tell Your Senator to STOP the Kennedy Amnesty!

Behind closed doors late last week, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee negotiated a plan to grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens and import even more foreign workers to take American jobs! Over the past three weeks, the committee has been marking up Senator Specter's bill, the Chairman's Mark, which includes a massive guest worker program among weak border security measures.

Under the compromise, Senator Specter announced that Senators Cornyn (R-TX) and Kennedy had agreed to allow workers to stay for two years, go home for one year, and then return for six years, capping the number annually at 400,000, and allowing a path to permanent legal residence for the 12 million illegal aliens currently here.

Senators will then return for one day of review and then vote the bill out on Monday, March 27.

Special Talk by Gary Benoit
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