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## CURT BROMM FACT OF THE DAY #1 Bromm Voted for \$108 Million Income Tax Increase

WASHINGTON—Speaker Curt Bromm (R-Wahoo), candidate for Nebraska's 1st seat in the U.S. House, has a history of causing problems for the Nebraska taxpayer.

In may of 2003, Bromm voted to continue the "temporary" income tax increase of 2.2 percent. The trouble is, "temporary" tax increases rarely are, in fact, temporary. Nebraskans are famously still paying the "temporary" telephone surcharge designed to pay for the Spanish-American War more than a century ago. Curt Bromm did his own small part to likewise preserve higher taxes for future Nebraska filers.

### **Through 2007, Curt Bromm's income tax increase will cost Nebraskans \$108 million.**

**"It was nice of Curt Bromm to let Nebraskans pay their \$108 million dollar tax bill in installments,"** said taxpayer advocate and Americans for Tax Reform President Grover Norquist. **"But it was cruel of him to slap ordinary Nebraska families with a tax they can't afford, just because the legislature can't find the discipline to balance the budget without grabbing for more cash. This tax hike is like a temporary punch in the face. It doesn't help too much when the one who socked you says he'll try not to do it again."**

What's not reflected in the \$108 million figure is how much the income tax increase will cost in Nebraska jobs, since tax increases suppress economic growth.

Curt Bromm has refused to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which binds candidates to "oppose any and all tax increases..." Candidates who refuse to sign the Pledge have a history of turning their backs on taxpayers once in office, and voting for tax increases as Bromm has done in the Nebraska legislature.

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