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## **CURT BROMM FACT OF THE DAY #5**

### **Bromm Yoked Nebraskans**

### **With \$343 Million in New Taxes in 2003**

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 2003, Curt Bromm raised taxes on: child care providers, homeowners, drivers, smokers, chewing tobacco users, wine drinkers, beer drinkers, spirits drinkers, newspaper supplements, recreational vehicle owners, and private investigators. *Curt Bromm even raised taxes on your dog.* Of course, dogs don't pay taxes. That means Nebraskans are stuck with one more Curt Bromm tax bill.

**In the current budget alone, Curt Bromm's  
2003 tax increase is costing Nebraskans  
\$343 Million**

**"Curt Bromm left no stone unturned when he was looking for new ways to funnel money through his office in Lincoln,"** said taxpayer advocate and Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) President Grover Norquist. **"From the income tax to the dog-shampoo tax to the death tax, nothing was sacred or unreasonable for a new or increased tax. The diversity—and perversity—of this \$343 Million tax hike is stunning."**

**"Not only is the enormous Bromm tax increase costing Nebraskans directly, but this incredible variety of increased taxes has piled a new load on the back of Nebraska's economy. Instead of trimming the state budget when times were tough, Curt Bromm took the easy way out. Nebraskans are paying the price now, and they'll continue to pay it long after Curt Bromm has left the speaker's office in Lincoln,"** Norquist said.

Notably, Curt Bromm has refused to sign ATR's Taxpayer Protection Pledge. 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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Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or at [jcollegio@atr.org](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).