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Fact of the Day #1: Diverging Positions on Taxes Dominate Republican Primary in the 6th Senate District

--While the incumbent Senator Ray Rawson voted to raise taxes, his opponent, Representative Bob Beers, has defended taxpayers' interests and voted against a major tax increase --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On July 21, 2003 the Nevada legislature passed SB 8, a major tax increase. The two major contenders vying for the Republican nomination in the 6th Senate district, incumbent Senator Ray Rawson, and Bob Beers, currently representing the voters of the 4th Assembly district, were on opposing sides on the tax issue:

- Senator Rawson cast his vote in support of the tax increase.
- Assemblyman Beers voted against it.

What did Sen. Ray Rawson support?

- SB 8 amounts to a 33% increase over the previous biennium budget, and amounts to a record \$833 million in new taxes.
- As of last fiscal year, revenues came in \$141 million higher than estimated for the first year of the biennium. *By the end of the current fiscal year, the tax increase will have cost Nevada taxpayers over \$1 billion.*

Assemblyman Beers, who voted against the bill, has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for his candidacy, which commits him “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.” He understands that the taxpayers of Nevada deserve better than having their wallets raided.

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.