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## Fact of the Day #2: Senator Rawson - Stalling the Engine of Job Growth

- Republican primary opponents in Senate district 6 have opposing tax voting records -

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The 20th Special Session of the Nevada legislature ended on July 22, 2003, one day after legislators passed SB 8 - a massive tax increase package which amounts to \$833 million in new revenue.

**The two Republican candidates vying for the nomination of their party in Senate district 6 found themselves on opposing sides when the votes were cast:**

- ☞ *Sen. Rawson voted FOR a .7 percent tax on gross wages paid, increasing the cost of every new job created - Rep. Beers voted AGAINST it!*
- ☞ *Sen. Rawson voted FOR a 2 percent tax on gross wages paid by financial institutions, plus a \$7,000 annual excise tax for each branch office, both of which increases the cost for financing homes, cars, and new business investments, ultimately also slowing job growth - Rep. Beers voted AGAINST it!*
- ☞ *Sen. Rawson voted FOR a \$100 annual license fee for businesses replacing a one-time licensing fee of \$25 - Rep. Beers voted AGAINST it!*
- ☞ *Sen. Rawson voted FOR a 45 cents per pack increase in the cigarette tax, not only hurting consumers, but also retailers - Rep. Beers voted AGAINST it!*
- ☞ *Sen. Rawson voted FOR a tax increase on distilled spirits by 75 percent - another blow to consumers, retailers, and the hospitality industry - Rep. Beers voted AGAINST it!*

**These tax increases harm small businesses - the engine of U.S. job growth.  
By voting for SB 8, Senator Rawson has put Nevada businesses on the line!**

**Representative Beers, signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which commits him to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes”, understands that government must live within its means, just like every ordinary citizen.**

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