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Gov. Jindal Leads Louisiana to Yet Another Taxpayer Victory

State Legislature Approves Tax Cuts in Special Session

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Last week Louisiana’s legislature completed what Governor Bobby Jindal (R) is calling the second of “two great special sessions”. Gov. Jindal requested the session to enact, in particular, tax breaks and tuition deductions for the people of Louisiana. At the conclusion of the session both priorities and other important issues had been addressed to the Governor’s satisfaction.

Highlights from the 2-week session include passage of bills that accelerate elimination of both the tax on business investment and capitol investment, and the elimination of the “permanent penny” tax on business utilities. In addition, the legislature provided for a tax deduction for tuition, uniforms, and other expenses for students statewide. The tax breaks will save the taxpayers an estimated \$79 million this year, beginning July 1 and \$106 million the following year. Also, notably, legislation passed protecting federal rebates from being counted as taxable state income.

“Gov. Jindal is taking positive steps toward revitalizing Louisiana’s economy,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “His initiatives are consistent with sound fiscal conservative policy, and with the continued support of the legislature, Louisiana will continue on the road to economic growth.”

The success of this special session is not alone on the list of Gov. Jindal’s accomplishments in his young administration. Early this year he issued Executive Order No. BJ 2008 – 2, which created landmark transparency and ethics standards in Louisiana’s government.

“Gov. Jindal is a rising star,” said Norquist. “The success of this most recent special session is just another example of his commitment to Bayou State taxpayers. The measures passed will benefit Louisianans in the years to come, and are bright examples of good government and economic policy.”

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 John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or at jkartch@atr.org.

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