

State Capitol News

Sales Tax Scheming Mounts

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LINCOLN—More and more a full-blown battle over the sales tax issue appeared certain this week in the wake of Gov. Robert Crosby's constitutional tax reform proposals.

While most other states in the past 15 or 20 years have adopted a sales or income tax, Nebraska has proudly stood by the proposition that it can support its functions of government by the property tax alone. But the Crosby proposal relating to a sales or income tax convinced political observers that the demand for one or both of these is so strong in Nebraska now that it can't be denied.

Actually, Crosby's proposal was to place in the constitution a provision that if the legislature passed a sales or income tax, revenues must first be used to replace the property tax for state government purposes. It so happened that State Sen. Herbert Duis of Gothenburg made a similar proposal during the 1953 session. It got nowhere. In fact, Duis was accused of trying to bring a sales tax in by the back door.

But since then public reaction to the current property tax situation has brought increased

demands for a broadening of the tax base. (That's government lingo for a sales or income tax.)

The thought that a sales or income tax might be enacted by the next legislature is said to be behind Crosby's move.

Gov. Crosby told reporters that he wants to make sure that if a sales or income tax is adopted that it will be used to replace some present tax. He said he doesn't think it should be just another tax to bring in more revenues for governmental bodies.

Significantly, Crosby said he was making this proposal "with recommendation."

Petition Campaign—
This was part of a double-barreled approach to the tax problem.

Crosby announced his plans to start circulating petitions to get this "replacement tax" proposal as a "package" tax reform proposition on the ballot before the voters next November. That will take about 60,000 signatures on each petition.

Explaining this "package" proposal, Crosby said that every time anyone comes up with plans to improve the Nebraska property tax system he runs into constitutional barriers. The legislature must be freed from this constitutional "strait-jacket" said the governor.

He said he wanted the people of Nebraska to adopt constitutional amendments which would permit enactment of laws for:

1. Exemption of household furnishings and personal effects.
2. Partial exemption of the family home.
3. Different methods of taxation among different classes of property. (This would mean knocking out the "uniform assessments" clause of the constitution.)
4. Appointment rather than election of county assessors.

5. Changing the membership of the state board of equalization.

Crosby said he didn't mean that the legislature must pass some kind of law on every one of these. But if his proposal were passed, it would free the hands of the legislature, he said.

Reaction—
The twin proposal stirred up considerable reaction.

Some critics pointed out that Crosby could get these matters on the election ballot by calling a special legislative session. They said he appeared to be doing it the hard way.

Crosby's answer was that the 1953 legislature met for almost six months and didn't come up with any such proposals. He indicated he feared they might not this time either.

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Lancaster County Attorney Frederick Wagener, who has filed for governor on the republican ticket, said that Crosby was just copying what he had advocated. The next day, however, Wagener began attacking the proposals item by item.

Victor Anderson of Lincoln, another gubernatorial hopeful, criticized Crosby for not calling the legislature into session to get legislators' combined ideas on the tax situation.

State Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff called the approach "boyish and juvenile."

Crosby shrugged off these comments by saying he didn't expect his "political opponents" to congratulate him on his program.

School Comments—
Somewhat more unexpected was an assertion by the president of the State Congress of Parents and Teachers that Crosby's program would "wreck the schools."

Dr. Galen Saylor of Lincoln, the state president, said Crosby's homestead exemption would take away property tax money from the schools. Yet on the other hand the limitation that sales tax revenue must first go for state government would keep the schools from replacing the lost property tax, Saylor contended.

The Nebraska State Education association endorsed the "package" tax proposal but said it couldn't go along with the "replacement provision." With the present desperate need of Nebraska schools for money, a sales or income tax should be used to lighten the local school tax load first, contended NSEA officials.

The Replacement—
A sales tax is estimated to bring in about \$27 million a year. This biennial property owners are paying \$20 million a year to support state government. So conceivably there could be some left over money to help other governmental bodies.

Actually it would only replace \$5.75 per \$1,000 worth of property in any one's tax bill. The state government portion of most people's tax bills isn't much over 10 or 15 per cent.

Highway Safety—
In another move Gov. Crosby took Safety Patrolmen off "extra" duties and fixed it so they can spend full time patrolling the highways. He said this was a major step in "waging full scale war" on the mounting accident toll of highway accidents. This means hiring 62 new men to man the state's truck weighing stations and to give drivers license exams. The Safety Patrol has been handling these duties in the past.

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O'Neill News

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Mrs. Everett Gorgen and Dotie spent the weekend at the Frank Urban home.

Mrs. Glenn Gettert, Elva and Gary spent last week in Atkinson visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Laible.

Last Thursday Mrs. Joseph Bicek of Verdigré visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gaskill, and family.

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Mrs. Edna Coyne returned on Saturday from a week in Denver, Colo., where she had been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bausch.

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