

Legislators defeat tax resolution

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McFarland said. Sen. Sandra Scofield of Chadron said she needed more information on how Nebraska tax increases compared with tax increases in other states before she agreed with any legislation.

Scofield said her constituents were more concerned with property taxes than income taxes.

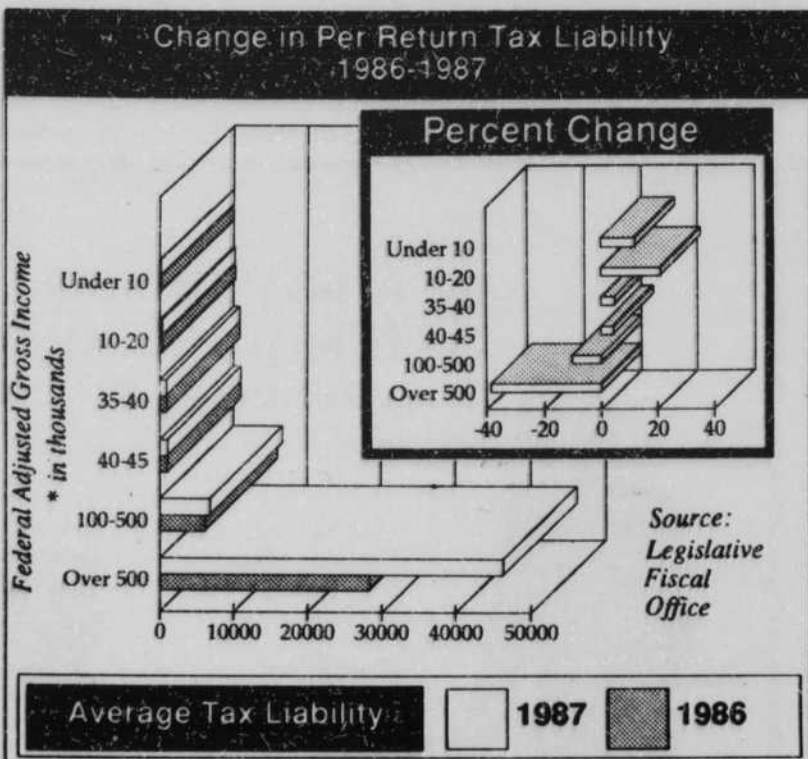
"If we push this particular domino now, I'm afraid we would lock ourselves into a place where we cannot get out," she said.

Sens. Don Wesely of Lincoln, Jerome Warner of Waverly and Jacklyn Smith of Hastings agreed that the tax structure needed changes, but were concerned about the time element and passing a resolution without due thought.

Warner said legislators needed to know the cause of the tax increase before passing a resolution to change the structure.

"If we're criticizing the passage of the last bill (LB773) because we didn't know the impact of it, then we should be reluctant to pass another one if we don't know the impact of this one," Warner said.

Sen. Vard Johnson of Omaha said the passage of LB773 was done with



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the "best of intentions" for the good of the state. Johnson said it was "shameful" that his colleagues placed the legislators in a position in which constituents believed they acted dishonestly in passing LB773. "This Legislature did nothing dishonest in 1987 when it passed LB773 and it will do nothing dishonest today when it repudiates Sen. McFarland's resolution," Johnson said.

Naval program picks UNL interviewees

By Tom Koenig
Staff Reporter

One of the three University of Nebraska-Lincoln students chosen to be interviewed for a prestigious naval program in Washington D.C., said the reason he was chosen was because of UNL's excellent naval reserve training.

"I've learned how to lead people, had the opportunity to travel and ROTC has paid for my education," said Dan Pope.

Lt. Timothy Powell, of UNL's Naval program, said two students besides Pope, Chris Vanderneck and Mike McLey, will interview for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program this week.

Powell said he thinks they were chosen because of high grades, peer evaluations and all they've learned from UNL's naval reserve program.

Powell said only the cream of the crop get to interview for the program.

"The chance to interview for the program is an honor and I'm very excited that I am going," Pope said.

Pope said that if he is chosen, his responsibilities would include all aspects of naval nuclear propulsion work, including research, design and development.

Pope is a mechanical engineering major and Vanderneck and McLey are studying math at UNL, Powell said. Vanderneck and McLey could not be reached for comment.

Powell said, "I'm highly pleased with the candidates. This reflects well on UNL's ROTC program as well as on the math and engineering departments.

The students will be interviewed by three officers and a Navy admiral.

UNL alumnus starts minority stipend

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate has started a \$250,000 fund to encourage minority students to pursue degrees in engineering and physical science.

Omaha businessman, Vin Gupta started the fund, which will provide stipends, equal to room and board, for minority students already receiving full-tuition scholarships from other sources at UNL.

The stipends will be awarded based on financial need and the students' interest in pursuing a college education. Recipients must be U.S. citizens enrolled in UNL's College of Engineering and Technology or in the physical sciences included in the UNL College of Arts and Sciences. Students also must rank in the top 25 percent of their high school or college class.

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