

A bill to provide a simple alternative to the complex Internal Revenue Code letting taxpayers elect which way they pay; to tax the national income—broadest tax base insures lowest rate—the rate adjusted automatically to collect the revenue to maintain free-market price stability; and to untax social security and provide total security.

More specifically, a bill to let employers elect to make employees their limited partners and withhold an incentive tax on profit, salaries, and wages, instead of existing income and payroll taxes, and pay the balance of profit or the loss, partly in cash dividends declared as usual and partly in business property ownership credited, or charged if a loss, to the partners in amounts proportional to their respective amounts of money invested—book value—and year's pay. Comparisons made from annual reports show that, in a profitable business, whether you are an employer, an owner of business property, or an employee, the personal owner of yourself, a part of business personnel, you will get your part of profit and may pay a higher tax, yet you will get a take-home raise. No strikes.

To adjust the tax rate automatically in response to price trends, and issue limited amounts of new currency—U.S. notes—to balance the budget, reduce the debt, and restore and then maintain the buying power of the dollar and free-market price stability. No need to "borrow" money. Cut spending up to \$5 billion interest on the bank-held debt.

To let the needy change from partial to total security; adequate cash aid added to their other incomes, if any, to enable them to buy food, clothing, and shelter, plus payment of all their medical bills, locally administered by social workers and the clergy, and paid directly from income tax revenue. No accounting overhead. Lowest cost. Free-market medical care. Total security.

The fighting in Vietnam can stop Communists but it cannot stop communism; it is not possible to shoot or bomb an idea. No amount of bombing and killing Communists can convince them they are wrong and induce them to quit their "wars of liberation." A right idea could. As Victor Hugo put it, "No army is as powerful as an idea whose time has come."

Give us the freedom tax law. Under it we can set an example of strikeless and steadily growing prosperity. Communists and other Socialists will be left without a mission, left with no "wage slaves" to "liberate," left with nothing "left" to fight for. The war in Vietnam and other "wars of liberation" all the way from Havana and Watts to Newark, Detroit, Washington will subside. We can stop bombing, withdraw our troops, cut defense spending \$20 billion in fiscal 1968, and lead the world toward peace.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hall, we thank you, sir, for again coming to the committee and giving us the benefit of your thinking. Are there any questions of Mr. Hall?

Thank you, sir.

Mr. HALL. Thank you. (For additional statement submitted by Mr. Hall see p. 833.)

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hicks? Is Mr. Hicks present, Mr. W. B. Hicks, Jr., executive secretary of the Liberty Lobby? Mr. Hicks is not present?

Mr. Crehore? Mr. Crehore, if you will give us your name, address, and capacity in which you appear for the record we shall be glad to recognize you, sir.