

tax structure in this state to be remedied by a single tax job. Certain strings attached to the sales tax measure cancel out some of the estimated 22-24 million dollars expected to be raked in. With its passage, income tax exemptions build up in the high brackets, and thereby some of its opponents see skullduggery for its proposal.

"Carl Francis, Oregon district eight representative, a vigorous opponent of the measure since the bill was drafted, calls it 'an income tax in reverse' because it becomes a tax upon those of modest incomes and builds up exemptions of the moneyed groups. He decries the added burden it will place on veterans now paying inflated prices for everything.

"Answer to all this, is that because of government price bungling long ago and lack of housing foresight the veteran and everybody else will pay disproportionate prices for everything. Also, though a sixth of the revenue to be obtained might not in fact muster additional revenue for old age assistance, it at least assures them amounts they were getting prior to the June slash. Furthermore, beneficiaries of public assistance will be ex-

empt in most provisions of the sales tax, especially purchase of food.

"A good many of us can agree with Mr. Francis that H.B. 460 to be voted upon is not exactly a 'thing of beauty and a joy forever' form of sales tax. Like a pugilist's battered nose, the thing will have to be worked over constructively later to approach the perfect profile. The state legislature has been reluctant, because of pressure groups or other interests, from leveling a just

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