

Crime Bill To Take Big Bite Out of Public's Wallet

The crime bill signed into law by President Clinton on September 13 will likely take a bigger bite out of the public's wallet in the form of expensive pork-barrel programs than out of crime, according to the latest Talking Points on the Economy card issued by The National Center for Public Policy Research.

The just released Talking Point card, "The Crime Bill: Taking a Bite Out of Your Wallet, Not Out of Crime," lists four examples of pork included in the crime bill. Among them, a \$5 million program for the "prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis in correctional facilities." It is not known how much of a problem tuberculosis is in the prison system nor, for that matter, how this program could possibly impact crime rates outside prison facilities. The card also cites a \$243 million the "Family and Community Endeavor Schools (FACES)" program, which will provide grants to community-based organizations for sports, arts and crafts, social activities and dance programs.

"In addition to funding expensive pork programs, the crime bill establishes a new definition

of livestock, requires products sold with the "Made in the USA" label to have a certain minimum domestic content and increases penalties for selling a Congressional Medal of Honor," said Scott Hodge, a Heritage Foundation policy analyst who has written several analyses of the Crime Bill. "These measures will do nothing to make our streets safer. What's worse is that the pork will rob the American public of their hard-earned dollars. Yes, the President got his 'Crime Bill,' but what we really needed was an 'Anti-Crime Bill.'"

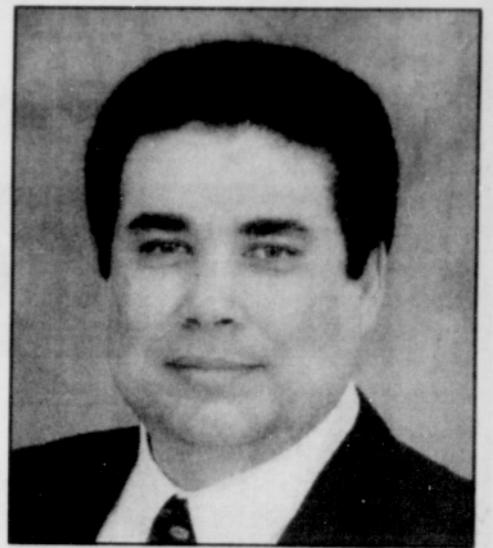
"If social welfare spending were the answer to crime, the street corners of America's cities would be far and away the safest in the world," said Stephen Moore, Director of Fiscal Policy Studies at the CATO Institute, who has also extensively analyzed the Crime Bill. "Congress and the President succeeded in defining crime control in terms of how much Washington is willing to throw at the problem. That is a proven failure in fighting every other social pathology in America."

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- Education should be the state's top priority. Let's ask the voters to dedicate all Lottery proceeds to our public schools and make the cuts needed to provide stable school funding. Educating our children should never be compromised.
- Criminal Justice should be swift, firm and fair. We can free substantial prison space for violent offenders if we place non-violent ones in boot camps or under house arrest and make them work and pay for their crimes. Monitoring electronic devices make a lot more sense than paying for room, board and color TV.

- Budget Management has been ignored for too long. We need to examine in detail what government is doing. Zero-based budgeting and systematic performance audits will give citizens and legislators an opportunity to take a fresh look at what we expect from our government.
- Jobs are being lost in Oregon because government has become too intrusive. We need to get all sides together and adopt policies that will emphasize both freedom and responsibility. If we could trade 10,000 government jobs for 10,000 private ones, we'd solve our budget crisis.

Ed Hickam is a respected businessman who overcame a life of poverty to start a successful muffler repair business. And in 15 years, he has taken Ed's Mufflers Unlimited, Inc., in Gresham to eight locations doing more than \$3 million in annual gross sales. With his talent for solving problems and motivating others to success, he knows he can help Oregon, too.

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Letter To The Editor

Ballot Measure 26-13 has had little exposure to the public and the reason is obvious. When the public finds out the real cost of this fiasco they will resoundingly defeat it. Before you vote on this issue you should know all the facts and "all" the costs to you. The actual cost figure you're conveniently not hearing is \$2,850,000,000 dollars. That's billions, not millions. Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas property tax payers are going to put up \$475,000,000, that's just for starters. Our Oregon Legislature has to fork up another \$475,000,000, guess who has to pay that. If you're "lucky" enough to live in Vancouver, Washington you'll be glad to hear that you're Sales Taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes will be increased by another \$475,000,000. On top of that, yes you aren't going to get off that easy, you are going to have to pay another \$1,400,000,000 in federal taxes to pay off this boondoggle.

There are many, many questions that need to be answered before you vote on 26-13. Why are some of the voters in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties not allowed to vote on this ballot measure while "all" of Clark County voters in Washington allowed to vote? Why are voters in a special area located near Clackamas Town Center excluded from paying their share of these enormous property taxes?

Bob Robinson

VOTING TAKES PLACE ON NOVEMBER 8TH



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"Little Davis-Bacon" Protects Workers

Measure 12, the repeal of "Little Davis-Bacon"; yes or no?

Most, not all, African-American contractors in Portland, maybe Oregon, will tell you that 'Little Davis-Bacon' is racist and discriminatory. Racist, I don't think so! Discriminatory, I definitely agree! The reasons however that support discrimination contrarily refute the claim of racism, 'Little Davis-Bacon' discriminates against unscrupulous contractors whatever color, ethnic background or sex they may be. The purpose of 'Little Davis-Bacon' is to protect the workers, by requiring their employers on 'certain' construction projects to pay them the 'area standard' wage and benefit package of the county where the work is being done. Those 'certain' construction projects are supported either wholly or partially by state funds. Your tax dollars. The 'area standard' being either the predominant (50+%) wage and benefit package of the county or the average of the county wage and

benefit packages if no wage or benefit package is predominant (less than 50%). This is sometimes called 'prevailing wage'. This prevailing wage will be paid to workers regardless of their color, race, or sex. This prevailing wage will be paid to workers whether they are from Indonesia (minimum wage \$1.80), Mississippi, New York, or Oregon. This prevailing wage will be paid to workers regardless of whether the employer is white, African-American, or female. This prevailing wage will be paid to workers regardless of whether the employer is from JAKARTA Natchez, Buffalo, or Beaverton. Ring a bell?

Imagine your employer or any employer bringing in someone to replace you on your job for less than the going rate. Maybe at 80% or less of your current wage and benefit package. Look at the employees' wages current-

ly at Fred Meyer and Safeway. Their wages and benefits are less but has your grocery bill decreased. I don't think so, only the quality of your service.

Their are many factors that adversely affect the African-American and female contractors. If 'Little Davis-Bacon' is one of those factors, then protecting the individual construction worker is not in the best interest of the construction contractor. Shall we vote yes on Measure 12 and add to the profits of a few greedy employers, lower the area standard of living, lower the tax base, and lose the ability of women and men to acquire health care for their families and/or pensions or vote No and continue to allow workers a decent and reasonable wage while making all employers more responsible and competitive?

Please Vote On Nov. 8th; Keith Edwards, Electrician

Measure 20: The Equal Tax?

Measure 20-the Equal Tax-is a bold tax reform plan that eliminates all other taxes, fees, and assessments, including property and state income taxes. It places a 2% charge on every purchase of goods, raw

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