



# Your Money's Worth

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**A CLEAN, SIMPLE, BROAD TAX CUT FOR 1962**  
A tax deduction that would cut our taxes now, in 1962, must be simple—a "quickie," in short. Otherwise, it couldn't get through Congress at this session.

It must be an across-the-board cut for individuals and it must cut corporation taxes too. Otherwise, it wouldn't provide sufficient stimulation to individual and business spending to give our economy the forward thrust it is daily more obvious that it needs.

It must be a truly substantial reduction, leaving enough extra billions in the pockets of individuals and the cash registers of businessmen to do the job. Otherwise it could fail to provide the spur of our economy, and the power of tax policy as a weapon to influence the economy's trends might be discredited for years.

It must be timed right so that an already prepared Congress can get the bill as soon as the President proposes it and passage can be relatively smooth. Otherwise, it might get lost in Congress' labyrinth, with most unfortunate political as well as economic consequences.

It must be passed on the basis that it will be replaced in 1963 by a sweeping overhaul of our tax system. Otherwise, the chances for significant reform of our burdensome tax structure might be badly set back.

Finally, it must be made clear to all Americans that against today's soggy economic background, tax reduction and big federal budget deficits are not going to set off a new inflation spiral and that our foreign creditors aren't afraid that it will. The sophisticated Central Bankers and financiers of Europe have assured our top officials that they thoroughly approve of a tax cut to strengthen our economy and as long as we stick to relatively orthodox monetary (credit and interest rate) policies while we're running our big deficits, they'll not attempt any massive withdrawals of the dollar balances they have in our country.

Can a clean, simple, straightforward broad tax cut be put through before this Congress adjourns? Yes. Should it be put through? Yes.

Will it be put through? That depends on whether today's mix of Congressmen—with their wildly assorted economic-financial-political viewpoints—can be pulled together into a majority that will vote the cut because they understand that the longer this economy slides along as it is, the harder will be the job of reviving it.

Although President Kennedy is waiting for more statistics before he proposes a tax cut, he's also undoubtedly delaying a move until the trade bill is law and he's surely testing Congressional sentiment too. He's too politically shrewd to propose this sort of bill without being certain it'll pass. Incidentally, as the business figures come out this month, they'll enhance the case for a tax reduction. The economy has been flattening, is even slipping in some vital areas now. And there's no new stimulant on the horizon except this one—a tax slash.

What form might a quickie cut take? Fitting the requirements of simplicity, size and breadth could be any number of combinations.

For instance, individual tax rates could be cut three points in each bracket—dropping the top rate from 91 to 88 per cent and the bottom from 20 to 17 per cent. Each point cuts taxes \$2 billion a year, so this would amount to an annual slash of \$6 billion. The corporation rate also could be cut three points from 52 to 49 per cent, saving businessmen \$1.6 billion. The total slash would be \$7.6 billion. And in individual terms—for a married couple with two children, an income of \$10,000 a year, assuming tax deductions equal to 10 per cent of the income—the three point rate reduction would save almost \$200.

Or while individual rates were cut three points, the corporation rate might be returned to its pre-Korean level of 47 per cent, saving businessmen \$2.6 billion a year. The total slash then would be \$8.6.

Or while the corporation rate was cut to 47 per cent, individuals might be allowed a straight 10 per cent reduction—meaning your weekly withholding tax would be reduced 10 per cent. This would cut taxes \$7.2 billion on a yearly basis.

There are differences in impact—as an illustration, the rate cut would favor the lower income brackets while the 10 per cent cut would favor the upper brackets—and there are many other simple plans too.

The point is to get a quickie, temporary tax slash through in time to add vigor to our economy now—and pave the way for the big overhaul in 1963.

## Selma Youth Killed In Crash With Car

By United Press International  
Two young men died in Oregon traffic accidents Thursday night, one in Southern Oregon and the other in Lane county.

James W. Clouser, 20, of Selma, was killed when his motorcycle collided head-on with a car on U. S. Highway 199 three miles north of Cave Junction. State Police said the car, driven by 17-year-old George H. Martin of Cave Junction, had pulled out to pass another auto on the two-lane road.

Clouser was discharged from the Army only recently. Harlan John Wolfer, 22, of McKenzie Bridge died on U.S. Highway 126 about 46 miles east of Eugene in a one-car accident. Police said Wolfer's car failed to negotiate a turn one-half mile east of the Cougar Dam road.

The car left the road, struck a rock, and threw Wolfer into a small creek.

## Buddies Save Lives Of Marine, Wife

Camp Pendleton, Calif. — A young Marine and his wife are alive and in Navy hospital at Camp Pendleton today because a pair of buddies worried when he didn't show up for work Thursday morning.

Doctors here credit Sgt. Harold D. Baldwin, Memphis, Tenn., with saving the lives of Pfc. Preston E. McGraw, 19, and his wife, Dequeta, 18, by applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after he and Cpl. E. Browning 1714 Highway 101, Coos Bay, Ore., found the couple unconscious in their gas-filled house trailer.

Camp authorities said the couple was overcome when the pilot light in their heater failed.

## Bus Spills Human Cargo on Roadway

Belleville, Ind. — Two persons were killed and nearly 40 were injured early today when a Greyhound Scenicranger en route from St. Louis to New York was ripped open and spilled its human cargo over the countryside after colliding with a big semi-trailer.

Many of the passengers were asleep when the crash occurred on heavily-traveled U.S. 40 near here.

Some of them were hurled outside as the right side of the huge bus opened up as if it had been sheared by a giant can opener.

Indiana state police said the accident apparently occurred when the bus tried to pass the truck.



**DECLARES CANDIDACY** — Welfare Secretary Abraham Ribicoff told an audience at Hartford, Conn., "I place my future in your hands" as he announced his resignation from the cabinet post and declared his candidacy for the Connecticut Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate. (UPI)

## Ribicoff Leaves Cabinet Job With Criticism, Praise

Editor's note: When the Kennedy cabinet took office 18 months ago, there were predictions that Abraham Ribicoff would be one of its brightest stars. The following dispatch, based on interviews with Ribicoff and his critics, explores how well he has lived up to these forecasts.

By LOUIS CASSELS  
Washington — Abraham Ribicoff is ending an 18-month run as secretary of health, education and welfare with what show business calls mixed notices.

Some critics say the handsome ex-governor of Connecticut didn't live up to his advance billing as the smooth-tongued political operator in the Kennedy cabinet.

Others say he has turned in a very creditable performance, considering the difficulties of his role.

Ribicoff's own appraisal is: "I've done the best I could. I've given this job everything I had."

Ribicoff is going home to Connecticut to run for the U.S. Senate. He hopes to be back in Washington next January to resume, as a senator, some of the legislative battles which he was unable to win as a cabinet officer.

A cabinet officer has two principal functions. One is to administer the affairs of a

major federal department. The other is to help shape the administration's legislative program, and then push it through Congress.

It seems to be generally agreed that Ribicoff has done a competent job of administering the vast Health, Education and Welfare Department, which has 70,000 employees working on 110 separate government programs.

Critics center their fire on his record as a pusher-through of legislation. They note that one of the major programs for which he was responsible — federal aid to education — was clobbered in the House last year. Another — medical care for the aged under Social Security — still is languishing in the House Ways and Means Committee, with little prospect of passage at this session.

**A Disappointment**  
"Ribicoff has been a disappointment here on Capitol Hill," said one key administration Democrat in Congress.

"When it comes to getting things done in Congress," said another, "Ribicoff has proved to be the least effective member of the Kennedy cabinet."

Ribicoff's defenders contend it is unfair to blame him for the defeat of the education bill, which became entangled in religious controversy growing out of Roman Catholic demands for inclusion of parochial schools. They say that Ribicoff's ability to maneuver was severely limited by White House apprehensions about the political effect of any compromise which might be regarded as a concession to the Catholic hierarchy.

As for the medical care bill, Ribicoff supporters argue that he succeeded, through his pitched battle with the American Medical Association, in stirring up wide public interest in the issue. They are convinced that this interest will pay off, perhaps next year, in enactment of the bill.

The debonair, 52-year-old political veteran tries to shrug off the criticism of his legislative record.

"You won't find Abe Ribicoff being a cry baby," he said. "In this business you take your lumps and go on from there."

But a moment later he spoke, with more than a trace of bitterness in his voice, about the usefulness of "scapegoats" in politics. And he said, only half-humorously:

"If you work out a program that passes, the senators take the credit. If your program doesn't pass, the secretary is a bum."

"They ought to call this the department of controversy. There are powerful, well-organized interests which oppose nearly every program we administer. I feel sorry for the guy who succeeds me in this job."

## Negroes Promised Fight for Freedom

Albany, Ga. — Martin Luther King Jr. promised more than 1,000 Negroes at a mass meeting Thursday night that he would aid them in their fight against segregation "until you are all free."

The Negro minister addressed the orderly crowd several hours after his unexpected release from jail, where he was serving a 45-day sentence for "parading without a permit" during an anti-segregation march last December.



## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins  
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### Animals Play Follow the Leader for Protection

Children are not the only ones who play the game of "follow the leader," many of the animal species play it, but more seriously.

For protection, as well as an easier way of gathering food, animals form into herds, flocks or groups under a recognized leader.

So far no one has arrived at a definite conclusion as to why or how a certain member is selected. There are many species of animal that follow a headman, and this leader is not always the one who has whipped all the others either.

It is not necessarily the oldest or strongest that may be the leader, although nearly all creatures recognize the fact that actual experience, gained by years of living, gives an advantage that should not be completely overlooked.

**Followed Faithfully**  
The "boss of the outfit" seldom, if ever, has to resort to force. He or she rules with-

out spoken word, and the decision always seems to be faithfully followed by all the subjects.

There are many examples of animal actions performed under directed authority; elephants, caribou, crows, herds of deer, especially in the winter time when the snow is deep, schools of fish, herds of porpoises, all act under the supervision of a boss-man.

The so-called blackfish, a species of whale also known as the pilot-whale, come to public attention frequently when they come ashore on an ocean beach to die. It is known that these animals travel and live under the direct command of a leader. It is suspected that these leaders, for some unknown reason, sometimes come ashore and the entire herd follows, in what would appear to be a mass-suicide.

The leader of the whale herd may be a male or a female; may be old or middle-aged, but all members look to him or her to guide them safely across the trackless waters of the world's oceans. It is believed by many seafaring folks, that the leader is selected and holds this exalted position for years.

### Leading to Destruction

No one can say for sure what happens when that selected one decides to run ashore followed by the faithful. Naturally we would suppose the members of the group would be pretty stupid to follow a leader to certain destruction.

But, because the crowd follows one who proves to be a false leader, does not mean the individual members are all dumb. Man himself, who claims to be very intelligent, has been known to follow a dictator to destruction. Of course, the rodents mostly "go it alone," every one for himself. None of the reptiles have a leader; no single one of these creatures has any confidence in anyone except himself. Most insect species, except bees, termites and ants play a lone hand. To them leadership is for the birds, and no single one desires his or her head to "lie uneasy because it must wear a crown."

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