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RATES THE LEGISLATURE

FIFTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 — 1982

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CONGRESSIONAL SCORES *

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SENATE

Armstrong, William R 74 Good
*Hart, Gary D 24 Big Spender

*Worst score decline in Senate.

National Taxpayers Union
1981 Spending Study

HOUSE

Brown, Hank R 74 Good
Kramer, Ken R 55 Above Ave
*Schroeder, Pat D 53 Above Ave
Wirth, Tim D 34 Below Ave
Kogovsek, Ray D 26 Big Spender

*Notable gain of 23 points.

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LEGISLATIVE SCORES

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STATE SENATORS

NAME	CITY	RANK
Dodge	R Denver	78
Mac Manus	D Denver	71
Hefley	R Colorado Springs	67
Powers, R.	R Colorado Springs	67
Soash	D Steamboat Springs	67
Zakhem	R Denver	67
Bishop	R Grand Junction	63
Fowler	R Boulder	63
Holme	D Denver	63
Noble	R Norwood	63
Strickland	R Westminster	60
Schaefer	R Lakewood	57
Allshouse	R Aurora	56
Anderson	R Loveland	56
Powers, P.	R Denver	56
Stewart	D Longmont	56
Yost	R Crook	56
Beatty	R Fort Collins	50
Becker	R Colorado Springs	50
Clark	R LaJunta	50
Ezzard	R Englewood	50
Gallagher	D Denver	50
Kadlecek	D Greeley	50
Barnhill	R Golden	44
Hatcher	D Gunnison	44
Phelps	D Pueblo	44
Stockton	R Lakewood	44
Susemihl	R Colorado Springs	44
Meiklejohn	R Arvada	38
Beno	D Pueblo	33
Cole	R Denver	33
Groff	D Denver	33
Sandoval, D.D	Denver	29
Baca Barragan	D Thornton	20
Sandoval, P.D	Denver	17

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

NAME	CITY	RANK
Randall	R Colorado Springs	100
Scherling	R Aurora	100
Bledsoe	R Hugo	90
Lee	R Lakewood	90
Winkler	R Castle Rock	90
Boley	D Pueblo	89
DeFilippo	R Golden	89
Erickson	R Loveland	80
Hinman	R Kremmling	80
Lillpop	R Alamosa	80
Mielke	R Lakewood	80
Minahan	R Security	80
Prendergast	R Denver	80
Stephenson	R Colorado Springs	80
Strahle	R Fort Collins	80
Underwood	R Olathe	80
Younglund	R New Raymer	80
Hastings	D Sterling	78
Tebedo	R Colorado Springs	75
Ford	R Arvada	75
Paulson	R Englewood	71
Artist	R Greeley	70
Denier	R Durango	70
Gillis	R Lamar	70
Herzog	R Colorado Springs	70
Neale	R Denver	70
Rogers	R Denver	70
Kirscht	R Pueblo	67
Spano	R Arvada	67
Spelts	R Littleton	63
Chaplin	R Broomfield	60
Fine	R Greeley	60
Heim	R Colorado Springs	60
Larson	R Colorado Springs	60
Reeves	R Littleton	60
Schauer	R Littleton	60
Shoemaker	D Canon City	60
Armstrong	R Grand Junction	56
McCrosky	D Denver	56
Hamiin	R Fort Morgan	50
Robb	R Grand Junction	50
Traylor	R Wheat Ridge	50
Eberle	D Denver	40
Faatz	R Denver	40
Hume	R Boulder	40
Kopel	D Denver	40
Dyer	D Longmont	33
Johnson	D Pueblo	33
Marks	D Northglenn	33
Massari	D Trinidad	33
Lucero	D Pueblo	30
Hudson	D Denver	22
Webb	D Denver	22
Orten	D Westminster	20
Skaggs	D Boulder	20
Sullivan	D Meeker	20
Wright	D Boulder	20
Chavez	D Denver	13
Castro	D Denver	10
Davoren	D Denver	10
DeHerrera	D Denver	0
Knox	D Denver	0
Martinez	D Commerce City	0
Pena	D Denver	0
Taylor	D Denver	0

I WANT TO HELP

I approve of your volunteer work for taxpayers. Overspending has become a bureaucratic pastime! Coloradans need a counterbalancing force to the spending lobbies.

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City/State/Zip _____

BILL DEFINITIONS AND RELATED FACTS*

TAX RELIEF

A MODERATE ATTEMPT UNDERWAY

In 1979 42% of Colorado personal income was paid to government. An average family paid \$10,735. Of this \$4,298. went to state and local government. Over the last 10 years, state taxes have outpaced both local and federal taxes. **This year the cost of state and local government exceeds 5 billion dollars.** The trend is for more spending and higher taxes; which can double your taxes by 1987. Of the 281 million shown as "tax relief", only \$126 million or 45% went to you. The balance of \$155 million went to: Colorado Water Conservation Construction Fund received \$10 million; and a huge addition of \$145 million went to education.

REGARDING ACTUAL VALUE FOR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

HCR 1005
1982
PASSED
In 1976 adjusted valuations resulted in a 29% increase in property taxes. **To prevent large increases on residential properties**, the legislature offers a constitutional amendment to the voters to lower residential values from 30% to 21% of value; and business properties from 30% to 29%. Ideally this law should have been by statutory rather than constitutional; but this approach was blocked by the Governor.

Preferred Vote: Yes
Senate: Yes 24 No 8 House: Yes 46 No 18

TAX RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS

HB 1617
1981
PASSED
Provides for a 16% credit against Income Taxes; gives a tax credit for pollution control property and installs a lower graduated tax rate on business income.

Governor Lamm vetoed this bill, wishing to keep the money for additional government spending. His veto was overridden.

Preferred Vote: Yes
Senate: Yes 24 No 4 House: Yes 44 No 16

EDUCATION

OVER HALF OF ALL STATE SPENDING

Regular appropriations of 1.2 billion, or 52% went to education in 1982. In addition \$126 million of "tax relief" was awarded. Property taxes added another \$695 million; and the State School District Review Board added it's share. This massive spending continues while **student enrollment declined by 5%** in the last five years.

Higher Education spent \$627 million - 5% less than last year - however, elementary and secondary schools spent \$585 million for an increase of 6%. Thus higher education has taken a responsible step to lower the cost of education; however **primary and secondary education hasn't yet learned the lesson.**

ABOLISH THE STATE SCHOOL DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

HB 1273
1981
FAILED
The schools can skirt the 7% limitation on spending by asking the voters for more money at a special election, or by a request to the State School District Review Board. Since 1975 there have been 514 request for \$263 million, of which 54% was approved. These increases become part of the funding base in future years; therefore they are cumulative and permanent. \$50,000 in 1975 would have grown to \$350,000 today. By comparison during this period there have been 44 special elections held asking for \$26 million. The voters approved only \$2.4 million, or a voter's choice of only 9%.

CUT feels strongly that tax increases should be decided by those who will pay the tax.

Preferred Vote: Yes
Senate: PI House: Yes 36 No 27

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ACT

SB 462
1981
PASSED
This bill replaces the Bilingual-Bicultural Education Act of 1975. While the old bill created a parallel education in Spanish and English, **the new Act provides a transition to proficient English**, where no more remedial cost is needed.

Preferred Vote: Yes
Senate: Yes 24 No 10 House: Yes 42 No 21

BILL DEFINITIONS AND RELATED FACTS, CONT.

COUNTING PERIOD FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENTITLEMENT

**SB 83
1982
PASSED** Changes the counting period from one day to a four week period. The one day was filled with abuse and pandering to the students with free ice cream and movies. The new realistic counting period **should lower the student count and therefore the entitlement.**

Preferred Vote: Yes
Senate: Yes 31 No 1 House: Yes 57 No 5

SOCIAL SERVICES

A SPENDING JUMP OF NEARLY 20% IN 1982

Social Services increased their spending by nearly 20% last year, accounting for one fifth of regular appropriations. Federal funds account for half of this spending. Any cut back at the federal level would pose tough questions for the state; **deep cuts in services or massive tax increases.**

LOANS FOR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

**SB 28
1982
PASSED** The Act sets up a fund of \$870,000 in 1982 or 15% of the appropriations to housing, to be used for low cost loans, for development and rehabilitation prior to completion. This Act will tie up land and money that could be better used in the free market. **It will raise interest costs for the rest of us.**

Preferred Vote: No
Senate: Yes 32 No 0 House: Yes 45 No 16

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**SB 501
1981
PASSED** This Act increased total appropriations to the department by \$26 million in one year. 13 increases ranged from \$16 million for medical assistance to \$344,000 for food stamps. Only two minor decreases were made. The size of the increases is unjustified.

Preferred Vote: No
Senate: Yes 28 No 2 House: Yes 40 No 25

GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT STATE SPENDING REACHES \$3.3 BILLION, A 22.2% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

With personal income increasing only 9% last year, state government increased its spending from \$2.7 Billion in 1981 to \$3.3 Billion in 1982; an increase of over 22%. **What ever happened to the 7% Limitation?** Since 1963 to present the CPI has increased about 300%. State government nearly 1000%. Thirteen new agencies or activities were started in 1981 for start up costs of \$92 million. Fortunately 85 bills were offered for over \$300 million that did not pass. When you consider there were 1,140 bills introduced in 1982, an average of 11 bills per legislator, **don't we have too much government?**

FINANCING URBAN RENEWAL AND DOWNTOWN PROJECTS

**SB 142
1981
PASSED** Allows increased sales and property tax to halt deterioration of blighted areas in central business districts. Government is taking available money from more resourceful, less expensive free market.

Preferred Vote: No
Senate: Yes 22 No 11 House: Yes 60 No 3

MASS TRANSIT IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

**SB 132
1982
PASSED** Asks for an additional sales tax for mass transit, and limits future bond elections. The government is limiting the voters' right to decide on an issue which they do not favor, and for a potentially heavy tax load which they cannot afford.

Preferred Vote: No
Senate: Yes 27 No 6 House: Yes 37 No 27

STATE EMPLOYEES

SALARIES AND BENEFITS RANK NEAR THE TOP

Colorado State Employees are paid well above the national average. **Colorado ranks 4th among the 50 states.** State personnel salaries increased from \$2.2 million to \$2.8 million, a 15% pay raise. **Salaries and benefits are in excess of the private sector.**

STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND COMPENSATION

**SB 308
1981
PASSED** Provides that an employee's advancement and pay shall be based on performance. "Grade or Bracket Creep" has been placing employees in higher class pay with no increased responsibility; hence our run away growth of state salaries.

Preferred Vote: Yes
Senate: Yes 24 No 6 House: Yes 44 No 18

CUT IS WORKING TO LOWER TAXES THROUGH REDUCED GOVERNMENT SPENDING. This rating measures each legislator taxing and spending philosophy. Ten bills were selected over five areas: 1. Tax Relief - 2. Cost of Education - 3. Cost of Social Services - 4. Growth of Government - 5. Cost of State Employees.

(*) Sources: Budget of Colorado-1982, State Budget Office Fiscal Notes, and Colorado Public Expenditures Council Reports.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: ERIC DeGRAFF, PRESIDENT AT 988-4196.

HOW YOUR SENATOR VOTED

		28-SS	83-ED	132-GG	142-GG	308-SE	462-ED	501-SS	1005-TR	1617-TR	PERCENT
Allshouse	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	56
Anderson	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	56
Baca Barragan	D	-	+	-	Z	Z	-	-	Z	Z	20
Barnhill	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	44
Beatty	R	-	Z	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	50
Becker	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	Z	50
Beno	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	33
Bishop	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	Z	+	+	63
Clark	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	Z	50
Cole	R	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	33
Dodge	R	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	78
Ezzard	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	Z	-	+	50
Fowler	R	-	+	Z	-	+	+	-	+	+	63
Gallagher	D	Z	+	+	+	-	-	-	Z	-	50
Groff	D	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	33
Hatcher	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	44
Hefley	R	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	67
Holme	D	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	Z	63

		28-SS	83-ED	132-GG	142-GG	308-SE	462-ED	501-SS	1005-TR	1617-TR	PERCENT
Kadlecek	D	-	+	-	+	Z	-	-	+	+	50
MacManus	D	-	+	+	Z	+	+	-	+	Z	71
Meiklejohn	R	-	+	-	-	Z	+	-	-	+	38
Noble	R	Z	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	63
Phelps	D	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	44
Powers, P	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	56
Powers, R.	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	67
Sandoval, D.	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	Z	-	Z	29
Sandoval, P.	D	-	Z	-	-	Z	-	Z	-	+	17
Schaefer	R	-	+	-	-	+	Z	+	Z	+	57
Soash	D	Z	+	-	+	Z	+	-	+	Z	67
Stewart	D	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	56
Stockton	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	44
Strickland	R	-	Z	Z	-	+	+	Z	Z	+	60
Susemihl	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	44
Yost	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	56
Zakhem	R	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	67

TR-Tax Relief ED-Education SS-Social Services GG-Growth of Government SE-State Employees

HOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVE VOTED

		28-SS	83-ED	132-GG	142-GG	308-SE	462-ED	501-SS	1005-TR	1273-ED	1617-TR	PERCENT
Armstrong	R	-	Z	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	56
Artist	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Bledsoe, M.	R	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	90
Boley	D	-	+	+	Z	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Castro	D	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Chaplin	R	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	60
Chavez	D	-	+	-	-	Z	-	-	-	Z	-	13
Davoren	D	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	10
DeFilippo	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	Z	89
DeHerrera	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
DeNier	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	70
Dyer	D	-	+	-	-	Z	-	-	-	-	+	33
Eberle	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	40
Erickson	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Faatz	R	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	40
Fine	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	60
Ford	R	-	+	+	Z	Z	Z	Z	+	Z	Z	75
Gillis	R	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	70
Hamlin	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	50
Hastings	D	-	+	+	Z	+	+	+	-	+	+	78
Heim	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	60
Herzog	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	70
Hinman	R	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Hudson	D	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	Z	22
Hume	R	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	40
Johnson	D	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	Z	33
Kirscht	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	67
Knox	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Z	0
Kopel	D	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	40
Larson	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	60
Lee	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Lillpop	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	80
Lucero	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	30

		28-SS	83-ED	132-GG	142-GG	308-SE	462-ED	501-SS	1005-TR	1273-ED	1617-TR	PERCENT
Marks	D	Z	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33
Martinez	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Z	0
Massari	D	Z	+	Z	-	-	Z	-	+	-	Z	33
McCrosky	D	-	+	+	-	+	Z	-	+	-	+	56
Mielke	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Minahan	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	80
Neale	R	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	70
Orten	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	20
Paulson	R	Z	Z	-	-	+	+	+	Z	+	+	71
Pena	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Prendergast	R	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Randall	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Reeves	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	60
Robb	R	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	50
Rogers	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Schauer	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	60
Scherling	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Shoemaker	D	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	60
Skaggs	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	20
Spano	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	Z	67
Speltz	R	Z	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	Z	63
Stephenson	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	80
Strahle	R	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Sullivan	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	20
Taylor	D	-	Z	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
* Tebedo	R	-	+	+	Z	Z	Z	Z	+	Z	Z	75
Traylor	R	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	50
Underwood	R	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Webb	D	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	Z	-	22
Winkler	R	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Wright	D	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	20
Younglund	R	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80

Democrat (D), Republican (R), Preferred Vote (+), Wrong Vote (-), Absent or Excused (Z)
 Each legislator is given a percentage on votes actually cast. Absences are not penalized.
 * Ford and Tebedo were not part of the 1981 Legislature