

★ LOWER TAXES ★

◀ PENSION TAX REFORM ▶

You know that taxing previously taxed income on past hard-earned income is simply wrong. That is why I helped pass a bill that in the next six years eliminates this double taxation on Social Security, military retirees, firefighters, teachers, railroad workers and federal employees.

◀ PROPERTY TAX REFORM ▶

It is essential to prevent hidden and excessive taxes from being forced on taxpayers. With that goal set we passed the following comprehensive property tax reform legislation to protect you from unexpected soaring jumps in your property taxes!

- ★ When property values go up, tax rates should go down to protect taxpayers. However many local taxing authorities were choosing not to roll back their rates to offset the increases in property values. **Going forward taxpayers will now be protected from back door tax increases by mandating property tax rate rollbacks in reassessment years.**
- ★ It **shuts the door on tax increase loopholes that allow unpredictable higher property taxes.** This means if a taxing authority successfully passes a higher tax rate the new rate can only be applied to the assessment level in place at that time and not applied to future higher property value assessments.
- ★ **Senior Citizen Property Tax Credit** was increased from \$750 to \$1,100, and expanded those eligible to include homeowners with an income of up to \$30,000 for singles and \$40,000 for married couples.

◀ SHOW-ME GREEN SALES TAX HOLIDAY ▶

Beginning in 2009 and every year thereafter for a seven day period in April there will be a **sales tax exemption for any Energy Star labeled appliance purchased for non-commercial use for up to \$1,500 per appliance.**