

List Defends Tax Reforms

The removal of the sales tax from groceries is one of the most significant and far-reaching tax reforms in Nevada history, Governor Robert List said Thursday night.

In a speech to the Fallon Lions Club, the governor said the removal of the sales tax from groceries has saved Nevadans millions of dollars since 1979, and has a dramatic impact every day on the pocketbooks and family budgets of all Nevada citizens.

"Of course, these cuts meant that government has had to go on a diet," the governor said. "And, there's nothing wrong with that. It used to be that government would go along fat, dumb, and happy, while the inflated property tax revenues rolled in.

"We changed all that. And I'm proud of that change. Now, government has to respond

to the same economic pressures as you do when you try to balance your checkbooks, or make out a grocery list.

"There are people who complain that state and local revenues are too low under the new system. That's the same thing as saying taxes are too low. Well, I flatly reject the notion that government has first claim on the people's money — and that those of you who earn the money in the first place, have to make do with what is left after government takes its cut off the top."

The bottom line of the new tax laws is that Nevada has the best tax structure in America. The state has no sales tax on groceries, one of the lowest levels of property tax in the nation, no corporate or personal income tax, no franchise or excise tax, no inheritance tax, no personal property tax on

household goods or furnishings, the governor said.

The governor said he was encouraged by signs that the national economy is showing signs of rebounding from the current recession. The new spirit of fiscal restraint and belt-tightening brought about by the Reagan Administration is beginning to pay off, he added.

"Remember the national inflation rate that was running at 14 percent under Jimmy Carter? It's now down to between four and five percent. The prime interest rate — although still too high — is down to a two-year low.

"Personal income is up one percent nationwide. New housing starts are up 34 percent. And just Wednesday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 17 points in the first hour of trading.

"While I'm pleased and encouraged with the economic progress that we're making nationally, we — in Nevada — are not waiting for things to get better on their own."

WAITING CHILDREN

Two-year-old Jessie is a little boy with very profound special needs. A family is being sought that would have the necessary love, time and patience to cope with his many problems.



Jessie is severely handicapped both physically and mentally and will always be totally dependent on others for all his needs. Jessie has no self-help skills. He spends his time in a wheelchair or lying down. He has poor coordination and is quite unresponsive. He does have seizures and is on medication to control them.

Jessie is a child with a complicated medical and social history. His problems were caused by meningitis and cerebral bleeding. He has a twin brother who is normal and also an older brother. Both of these boys have been already placed in adoptive families.

Jessie's prognosis for the future is poor at best. However, he needs a family who would be willing to invest themselves in continually exploring his potential. All families will be considered for this little boy.

HOW YOU CAN ADOPT

The children described in this column are waiting for adoption. Nationwide, there are over 300,000 children who, for various reasons, have not found permanent parents. Some have physical, mental or emotional handicaps; some are of

mixed racial background; some are older; others are siblings.

The Las Vegas SENTINEL, working with AASK (Aid to Adoption of Special Kids) hopes to find homes for these children. AASK is looking for people who can give love and nurturing to hard-to-place children. Prospective parents may be single or married.

Subsidies (payments to the adopting family each month and medical expenses) are available for many of the children. Subsidies depend on the financial situation of the adoptive family.

If you'd like more information on how to adopt a special child or how you can help financially support the AASK program, please call 876-7420 or write AASK Adoption Agency, 3305 W. Spring Mountain Road, Suite 92, Las Vegas, 89102.

Adoption is a specific legal matter, and the Las Vegas SENTINEL can answer no questions concerning the children.

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