

COMMUNITY COMMENT

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This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

My goal today is to compare our State Government with the Federal Government. In researching the relative economic standing of California with the United States of America, the results were astonishingly similar.

California used to have the eighth biggest economy in the world and then government struck and people and businesses started moving out of the State. The State and local tax burden is now the sixth highest in the United States. The business tax climate is the third worse in the United States.

Property taxes per residence is the tenth highest in the United States. The income tax is the second highest and our sales tax is the absolute highest of all fifty states or as President Obama would say, all fifty seven states. But not to be out done, our gas tax is sixty four and one half cent per gallon which is also the highest in the Nation.

While State and local government employees are the highest paid in all fifty states, our unemployment rate is 10.2 percent. California has 12 percent of America's population, but 33 1/3 percent of the Nation's welfare recipients.

Now the comparison. Remember when one of our founding fathers said before the revolution, when Briton was in control and the imposition of taxes on the colonies, he said taxation without representation is not fair; well that founder did not realize what taxation with representation would look like.

We now have a 16 trillion plus deficit and its growing daily. Businesses are leaving the Country and out sourcing the work force. Remember when President Obama took Jeffery Immelt of General Motors in as an advisor about our economy and at the same time General Motors was out sourcing the building of its cars and trucks overseas. *And of course don't forget about the 923 Ex Orders our Pres has issued vs Bush 16-8 yrs*

Our Supreme Court held recently that the individual mandate in Obamacare is a tax, so we have just had a huge tax increase by any standard.

It may be easy enough for you or your business to leave California, but its not so easy to leave the United States because of the economic climate and that climate could get worse if the Bush tax cuts are allowed to expire.

I leave you with a point to ponder. If the Federal deficit spending continues, can't you see sizable tax increases in the near future?

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