

SO YOU THINK THE BTU ENERGY TAX IS DEAD? NOT!



Is the BTU Energy Tax playing possum?

Louisianians have been quite clear on the BTU Tax.

Louisiana spoke.

- 76% outright oppose the BTU tax!
- 90% favor spending cuts over additional taxes!
- 69% don't think the money will be used to reduce the federal budget deficit!

With numbers like that, Louisianians could not have been happier when the *Times-Picayune* announced the tax's "apparent demise." Or when the *Baton Rouge Advocate* declared it "dead."

The job-killer tax is killed???

The BTU energy tax would have cost Louisiana 22,500¹ jobs — a disproportionate share of the 400,000 job-loss nationwide!

The BTU energy tax would cost the average family of four \$475 more each year.¹

The BTU energy tax would cost Louisiana \$1 billion more each year in federal taxes!²

What a relief that this tax was finally laid to rest.

But is it dead?

Bad ideas die hard.

White House Budget Director Leon Panetta has already said the administration will fight to restore some version of the BTU tax in the House-Senate conference committee this month.

And the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury said that, despite appearances, eventually "a tax will emerge which will preserve most of the features of the BTU tax. It won't

perhaps be called a BTU tax, but it will be an energy tax with most of the same features in it."

A BTU tax by any other name is still a BTU tax.

Don't be fooled!

During this crucial period of the conference committee negotiations, Louisianians must continue to make their opinions known to their congressmen and senators.

Don't let the administration revive the tax — or bring it back under another name.

Make yourself heard! Call your congressman and senators:

Senator John Breaux (318) 487-8445
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¹All three figures from Southern Media and Opinion Research Poll (June, 1993). ²Center for Energy Studies at LSU (1993). ³DRI-McGrass-Hill Study (1993). ⁴DRI-McGrass-Hill Study (1993). ⁵Center for Energy Studies at LSU (1993).