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# Safety Topics

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Safety is our workday mate, keep it with you throughout 2008!

Words of Wisdom: "What are you going to do to make the situation better?"

Dr. Will Dungy

## This is too true to be funny!!!

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.

While this thought is still fresh in our brain, let's take a look at New Orleans. It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator, Mary Landrieu (D), is presently asking the Congress for \$250 BILLION to rebuild New Orleans. Interesting number, what does it mean?

- A. Well, if you are one of 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, child), you each get \$516,528.
- B. Or, if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans, your home gets \$1,329,787.
- C. Or, if you are a family of four, your family gets \$2,066,012.

**Washington, D.C. HELLO!!! ... Are all your calculators broken??**

Tax his land, tax his wage,  
Tax his bed in which he lays.  
Tax his tractor, tax his mule,  
Teach him taxes are the rule.

Tax his cow, tax his goat,  
Tax his pants, tax his coat.  
Tax his ties, tax his shirts,  
Tax his work, tax his dirt.  
Tax his tobacco, tax his drink,  
Tax him if he tries to think.

Tax his booze, tax his beers,  
If he cries, tax his tears.  
Tax his bills, tax his gas,  
Tax his notes, tax his cash.  
Tax him good and let him know  
That after taxes, he has no dough.

If he hollers, tax him more,  
Tax him until he's good and sore.  
Tax his coffin, tax his grave,  
Tax the sod in which he lays.

Put these words upon his tomb,  
'Taxes drove me to my doom!'  
And when he's gone, we won't relax,  
We'll still be after the inheritance TAX!!

Accounts Receivable Tax, Building Permit Tax, CDL License Tax, Cigarette Tax, Corporate Income Tax, Dog License Tax, Federal Income Tax, Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA), Fishing License Tax, Food License Tax, Fuel Permit Tax, Gasoline Tax, Hunting License Tax, Inheritance Tax, Inventory Tax, IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax), IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax), Liquor Tax, Luxury Tax, Marriage License Tax, Medicare Tax, Property Tax, Real Estate Tax, Service charge taxes, Social Security Tax, Road Usage Tax (Truckers), Sales Taxes, Recreational Vehicle Tax, School Tax, State Income Tax, State Unemployment Tax (SUTA), Telephone Federal Excise Tax, Telephone

Federal Universal Service Fee Tax, Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Tax, Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax, Telephone Recurring and Non-recurring Charges Tax, Telephone State and Local Tax, Telephone Usage Charge Tax, Utility Tax, Vehicle License Registration Tax, Vehicle Sales Tax, Watercraft Registration Tax, Well Permit Tax, Workers Compensation Tax.

### STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened? Can you spell 'politicians!'

And I still have to 'press 1' for English.

I hope this goes around THE USA at least 100 times

What the heck happened?????

*This is one of those internet emails.*

As I have gotten older, I have become more aware of and interested in the political climate. I suppose that is the way with most people. With that in mind, it seems to me that the upcoming presidential election is too important to the future of the United States of America to not participate in. It is obvious to me that whether you are Democrat, Republican, or Independent we have been heading down a path to a more socialistic form of governance. That is not what made the USA the greatest nation on the face of the earth. Don't take everything you hear in the major media as the whole truth. Become involved and engaged in the process. Find out what the candidates stand for, then participate by casting your vote.

## For What It Is Worth!!

### My Position

A Congressman was once asked about his attitude toward whiskey.

"If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life, and inflames sinners, then I'm against it."

"But if you mean the elixir of Christmas cheer, the shield against winter chill, the taxable potion that puts needed funds into public coffers to comfort little crippled children, then I'm for it."

"This is my position, and I will not compromise!"



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