



Utah lawmakers look at reducing budget cuts as advocates protest food tax

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SALT LAKE CITY - Low-income advocates rallied Tue. on Capitol Hill against raising the sales tax on food as lawmakers looked at limiting budget cuts to just 1%.

The Utah Senate bill SB270 and the Utah House bill HB282 would increase sales tax on food and decrease the sales tax on everything else.

Backers of the bills say the change is needed to broaden the sales tax base.

But the 40 or so people gathered in opposition said the bills will result in a tax increase for the vast majority of Utahns, benefiting only those who can afford to make expensive purchases.

"Those are the families that buy lots of jewelry, lots of Jeeps, lots of furniture, lots of Ferraris," Linda Hilton, director of the Coalition of Religious Communities, said. "Those of us who buy food and toilet paper stand to suffer."

An analysis provided by the opponents showed that the typical Utah family of four would pay an additional \$240 a year in food taxes.



① Top cartoon: Lawmakers in Utah are "digging a deeper hole" for the poor by raising the food tax, and this allows the rich to pay less in sales tax on everything else.

② Backers of Utah's two bills want to broaden the sales tax base, which means they

want more more people to pay more in taxes. ③ A typical Utah family of four would pay an additional \$240 a year in food taxes. ④ Bottom cartoon: Because so many states are now in a recession, which was caused by corporates (especially the banksters on wall Street), states controlled by republicans political party are now going after public worker unions and collective bargaining rights.

⑤ In the U.S. Senate the unlimited talk that keeps a bill from being voted on is called a filibuster.

⑥ A Univ. of maryland study showed that the viewers of fox news are the most misinformed.

⑦ "Bad guys" of WWII (the Axis Powers) were Germany, Italy & Japan. ⑧ WWII: 1939 - 1945

⑨ At the beginning of WWII, the U.S. was isolationist until Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec 7

1941 year. ⑩ Giving in to the demands of an aggressor in order to avoid conflict: a Peacemonger ⑪ Dec 7 month day / 1941 year