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Farris Bryant stated "no new tax sources are necessary in Florida" as his Ocala headquarters released his 4th platform plank today -- a ten page document on tax programing which included reference to both federal and hidden taxes as well.

Bryant also found reason for "reduction in state taxes in some areas including repeal of the intangible tax increase, because it deters new investment in Florida and penalizes retired people by taxing thrift." He suggested revision of the inventory tax system and a sweeping study of the entire tax program including personal property tax by a joint citizen-professional committee.

The candidate for governor struck at hidden taxes by "unwrapping" a loaf of bread within which he found "151 different hidden taxes before its sale by a grocer." Bryant also traced "over 1000 separate taxes in one quart of milk, while a \$2000 car means \$1,500 in car; \$500 in hidden taxation." Bryant also found "less than 5¢ worth of gas in every gallon with the rest all taxes."

Bryant called "hidden taxes the most successfully obscured facts in government" and pointed out that "history reveals that a national tax level of 25% points the way to that nation's decay, but our tax load is more than 33 and a third percent today."

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The former Speaker of the House criticized those "elected officials who seem to forget that the national, local and hidden taxes are all paid by the same individual Florida citizen when they pile state taxes on his sagging shoulders. The power to tax is the power to destroy."

Bryant called "tax payers and government officials alike complacent about our tax load. While good government must help those unable to help themselves, young men must believe that thrift and hard work is the path to success."

He condemned any tax program which deters Florida's industrial and commercial growth by discouraging investment in new enterprises, and which "drives domestic consumers abroad while our own export business dries up" and then struck at "federal subsidy of farmers in other states with our taxes while Florida farmers stand on their own two feet."

Bryant expressed the opinion that "creeping socialism in our country has been financed by galloping tax encroachment with too little margin left to Florida families for thrift and security."

The Ocala attorney called "Florida no vassal state interested in handouts from Washington to finance our school systems, but we'd be enthused by any suggestion that our citizens might enjoy a decrease in federal income taxes so we can better finance our school systems ourselves."

Bryant concluded by asking voters to "remember that government projects are paid for by them as individuals. A tax budget is identical to that of a family, or small business, except as to size, and whatever is spent must be equalled by earnings. When we begin to accept that simple relationship we will demand an accounting, because the money comes from each family's table. Our self-destruction is predicted by the Communist world, but enlightened self-control is a sure path to strong security."

Bryant's tax plank carries footnotes in an unusual idea whereby he presented that part of his record which "proves his ability to exercise the necessary judgement to make this platform pledge operative."