

Our "Prosperity Taxation" Program

Introduced into the House of Representatives June 2, 1921, by Hon. Oscar E. Keller of Minnesota.

Congressional Bill No. 6767

This bill repeals all existing sales and commodity taxes except those on tobacco, distilled spirits, oleomargarine, habit forming drugs and products of child labor. The bill also repeals the present tax on the incomes of corporations.

Congressional Bill No. 6769

This bill amends the income tax law so as to distinguish between "earned" and "unearned" income. The tax on "unearned" incomes together with the super-taxes is retained, but the tax on "earned" incomes is cut in two. All salaries, wages, etc., together with all profits derived from businesses personally conducted or in partnership are classed as "earned" incomes.

Congressional Bill No. 6768

This bill amends the inheritance tax. Beginning with estates of \$20,000 to \$35,000 there is a tax of one per cent; \$35,000 to \$50,000 two per cent; \$50,000 to \$100,000 four per cent; \$150,000 to \$250,000 six per cent, and so on until the point of \$100,000,000 is reached after which the tax is about 75% of the entire estate. [Note: This bill is now being amended and the rates reduced to a maximum of 50% instead of 75%]

Congressional Bill No. 6773

This bill provides for a federal tax of one per cent on the privilege of holding lands and natural resources worth over \$10,000, after deducting the value of all buildings, personal property and improvements. In the case of farms, cost of clearing, draining, plowing and cultivation, together with soil fertility are classed as improvement values. This bill will exempt over 98% of all actual farmers. It also exempts standing timber from taxation whether naturally or artificially grown.

This bill aims to relieve business, industry and agriculture by taxing monopoly holders of vacant natural resources, valuable "sites" in cities and the holding of land in general out of use. The revenue raised under this bill will be about one billion dollars annually.

This revenue program would relieve producing business of about \$1,250,000 annually, and the people of from three to five times this amount in inflated living costs.