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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: MUR 5409, Americans for Tax Reform; Grover Norquist

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am in receipt of your letter dated May 6, 2004 and received in my office on May 10, 2004 regarding the above-referenced MUR. Thank you for allowing an extension of time until today to file this response.

You have requested that my clients, Americans for Tax Reform and Grover Norquist, provide to you the documents given by Mr. Norquist to Mr. Ken Mehlman of Bush-Cheney '04, Inc.

My clients have advised me that they did not keep a copy of the notebook's contents in exactly the same form in which it was furnished to Mr. Mehlman, because the information is updated regularly and is publicly available in various formats and from various public sources. The information was neither proprietary nor confidential and my clients did not deem it necessary to maintain a copy of the contents.

However, my clients do have in their files copies of some memoranda which they believe were included in the notebook and those memos are enclosed with this letter. These are memos prepared by various state volunteer leaders and sent to Americans for Tax Reform with updates of the activities of the Center Right Coalitions in various states.

Americans for Tax Reform is very actively working to build Center Right Coalitions in all 50 states patterned after the Center Right Coalition that meets weekly at ATR offices in Washington, D.C. In this regard, you will find on the ATR website ongoing status reports about the activities in the different states. I have also enclosed hard copies of the website pages which are constantly updated regarding state activities, meetings and leaders. You can find those narratives at <http://www.atr.org/stategroups/memos.html>, or go to the ATR home page and then click on the following: States --> State Groups --> (end of third short paragraph) OR Site Map --> (under state groups)

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The information provided to Mr. Mehlman was neither proprietary nor confidential. In addition to being given to Mr. Mehlman, copies of the enclosed memos were sent to state leaders as a means of circulating ideas and disseminating news about activities and successes to encourage leaders to adopt successful plans and programs from other states.

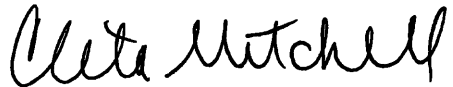
A primary goal of ATR's "Center Right Coalition" project is to facilitate the sharing of information and to act as a catalyst for increased participation in the states. It is for that reason that the names, participants, leaders and ongoing reports of the state Center Right Coalition activities are regularly posted and updated on ATR's website.

ATR circulates its information widely, and the information enclosed with this letter is known to conservative political activists in the states. You will note that much of the information is a recap of state legislative activities, all of which is publicly available.

In sum, the complaint in MUR 5409 is wholly baseless and should be dismissed.

Please contact me at (202) 295-4081 if you have additional questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform

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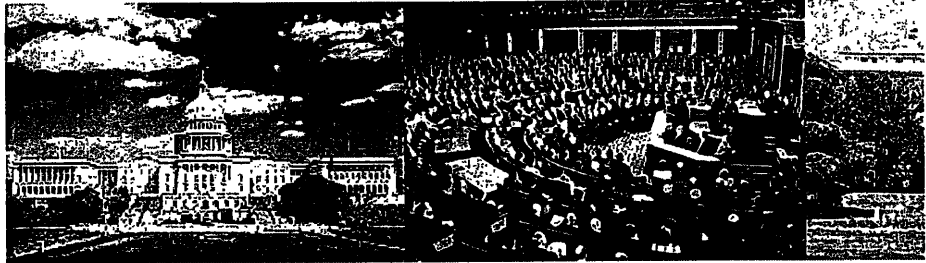
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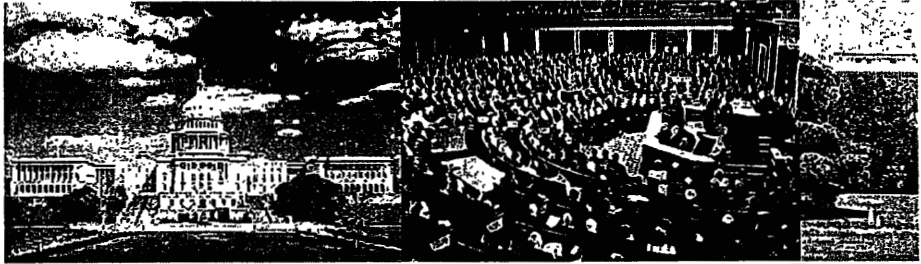
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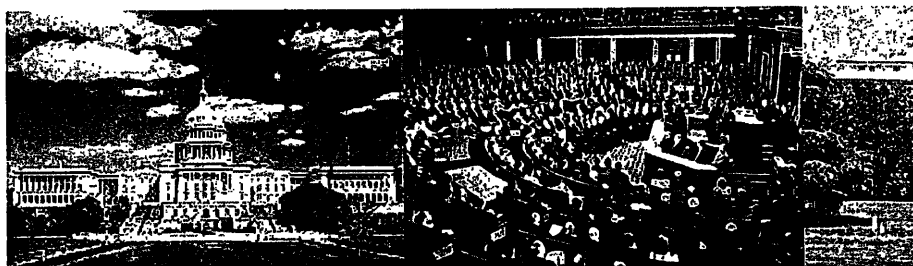
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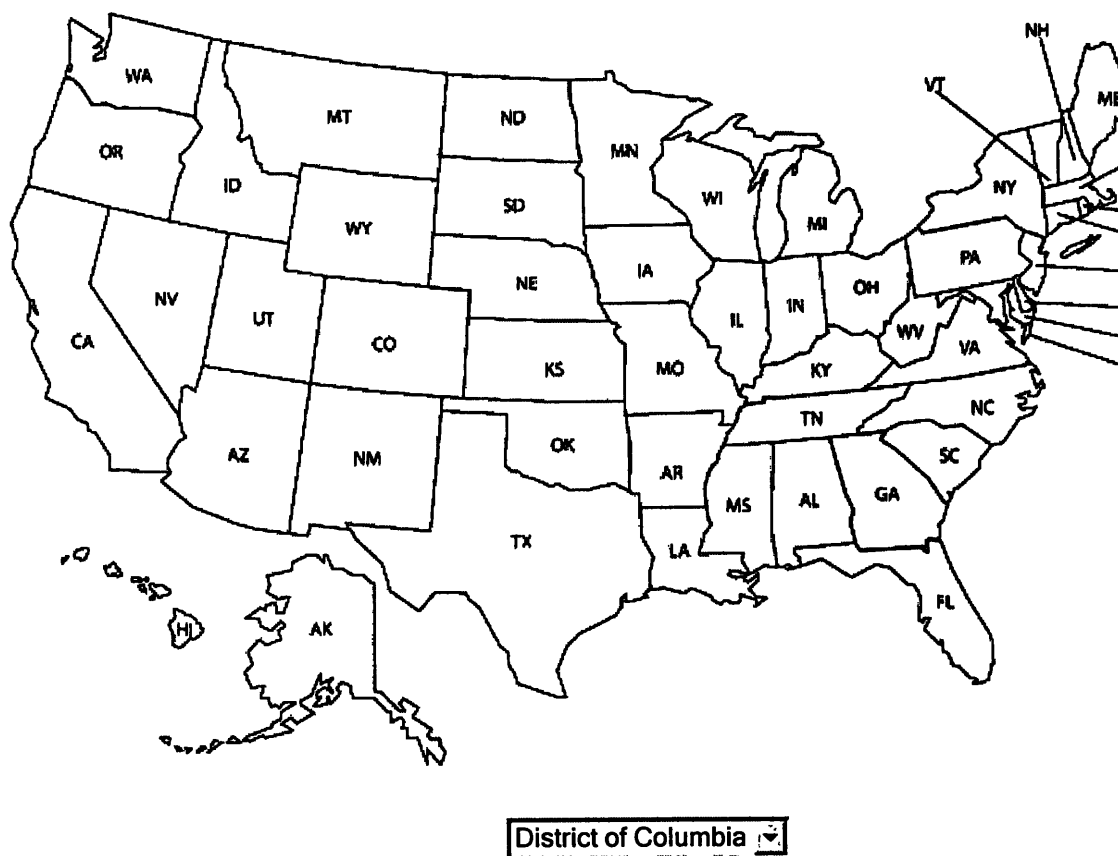
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If you are looking for tax news on your state check out ATR's State News or [Tax Alert](#) public

Click [here](#) for a map of center-right coalition meetings in the states. State coalition leaders' c information is available [here](#). For our series of memos about the state group meetings, click



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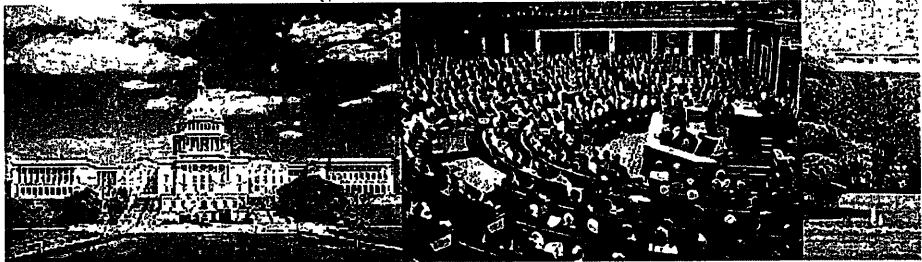
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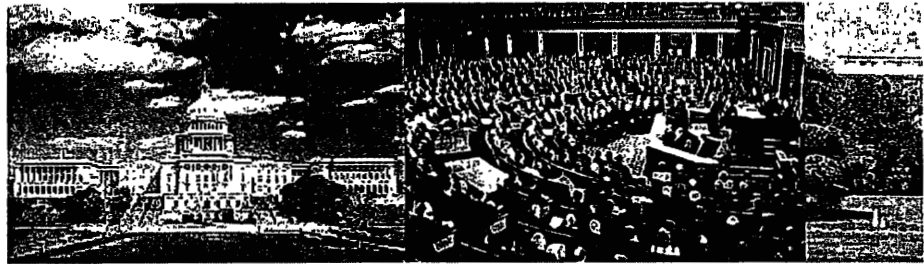
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* Indicates the resolution has passed

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Overview of the Numbers (# of Chambers)

Tort Reform:

3 Passed, 11 Introduced, 14 Expected to Introduce

Death Tax:

11 Passed, 19 Introduced, 10 Expected to Introduce

Alternative Minimum Tax:

8 Passed, 11 Introduced, 12 Expected to Introduce

Savings Provisions:

4 Passed, 10 Introduced, 13 Expected to Introduce

President's Economic Package:

2 Passed, 14 Introduced, 17 Expected to Introduce

Pass Defense App. First:

4 Passed, 6 Introduced, 10 Expected to Introduce

National Missile Defense System:

8 Passed, 14 Introduced, 12 Expected to Introduce

Iraq Resolution:

27 Passed, 13 Introduced, 7 Expected to Introduce

Estrada Resolution:

6 Passed, 19 Introduced, 3 Expected to Introduce

73 Resolutions passed 38 legislative bodies in 25 states

Tort Reform

- Colorado (S)*
- Colorado (H) – Joint Resolution*
- Hawaii (H)
- Hawaii (S)
- Illinois (H)
- Kentucky (H)*
- Maryland (S)
- Maryland (H) – Joint Resolution
- Minnesota (H)
- Minnesota (S)
- Mississippi (S)
- Mississippi (H)
- New Mexico (H)
- New Mexico (S) - Joint Resolution
- Oregon (H)
- Pennsylvania (H)

Permanently Repealing the Death Tax

- Alaska (H)
- Alaska (S) – Joint Resolution
- Arkansas (H)*
- Arkansas (S) – Concurrent Resolution
- California (S)
- California (H)
- Colorado (S)*
- Colorado (H) – Joint Resolution*
- Florida (H)
- Florida (S)
- Hawaii (H)
- Idaho (S)*
- Idaho(H) - Joint Memorial*
- Illinois (H)
- Kentucky (S)*
- Maryland (S)
- Minnesota (S)
- Minnesota (H)
- Mississippi (S)
- Mississippi (H)
- New Jersey (S)

- New Mexico (H)
- New Mexico (S) – Joint Resolution
- North Dakota (H)*
- North Dakota (S) - Concurrent Resolution*
- Oregon (H)
- Pennsylvania (H)
- South Carolina (H)*
- South Carolina (S) – Concurrent Resolution
- Texas (H)
- Utah (H)*
- Utah (S) - Joint Resolution*
- Washington (S)
- Washington (H) – Joint Resolution

Abolishing the Alternative Minimum Tax

- California (S)
- California (H)
- Hawaii (H)
- Hawaii (S)
- Idaho (S) *
- Idaho (H) - Joint Memorial*
- Illinois (H)
- Minnesota (S)
- Mississippi (S)
- Mississippi (H)
- New Jersey (H)
- New Mexico (H)*
- New Mexico (S) – Joint Resolution*
- Oregon (H)
- Pennsylvania (H)
- South Carolina (H)*
- South Carolina (S)
- Utah (H)*
- Utah (S) – Joint Resolution*
- Washington (H)*
- Washington (S) – Joint Resolution

Making the 2001 Savings Provisions Permanent

- California (H)
- Colorado (S)*

- Colorado (H)*
- Florida (H)
- Hawaii (H)
- Illinois (H)
- Minnesota (S)
- Minnesota (H)
- Mississippi (S)
- Mississippi (H)
- New Mexico (H)*
- New Mexico (S) – Joint Resolution
- Pennsylvania (H)
- South Carolina (H)*
- South Carolina (S) – Concurrent Resolution

Supporting the President's 2003 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Package

- Arkansas (H)
- California (S)
- California (H)
- Florida (H)
- Georgia (S)
- Hawaii (H)
- Michigan (H)
- Minnesota (S)
- Mississippi (S)
- New Jersey (H)
- North Dakota (H)*
- North Dakota (S) - Concurrent Resolution*
- Ohio (H)
- Oregon (H)
- Pennsylvania (H)
- Texas (H)
- Washington (S)
- Wisconsin (S)
- Wisconsin (H) - Joint Resolution

Passing the Defense Appropriations Bill First

- Arkansas (H)*
- Colorado (S)*
- Colorado (H)*
- Mississippi (S)
- Mississippi (H)
- New Mexico (H) – Tabled
- Oregon (H)
- Pennsylvania (H)
- South Carolina (H)*
- South Carolina (S) – Concurrent Resolution

Supporting a National Missile Defense System

- Alaska (H)
- Alaska (S) – Joint Resolution
- Arizona (H)*
- Arizona (S) – Concurrent Resolution*
- Colorado (S)*
- Colorado (H) – Joint Resolution*
- Georgia (S)
- Hawaii (H)
- Minnesota (H)
- Minnesota (S)
- Mississippi (S)
- Mississippi (H)
- Missouri (H)
- Nevada (S)
- New Mexico (H)*

- New Mexico (S) – Joint Resolution
- Oregon (H)
- Pennsylvania (H)
- South Carolina (H)*
- South Carolina (S)
- Texas (H)
- Utah (H)*
- Utah (S) – Joint Resolution*
- Washington (S) – died in committee
- Washington (H) – Joint Resolution

Supporting the President on His Decision with Regard to Iraq

- Alabama (H)*
- Alabama (S)
- Alaska (H)*
- Alaska (S)*
- Arkansas (H)*
- California (S)
- California (H) – Died in Committee: House passed alternate bill that did not recognize President Bush.
- Colorado (S)*
- Colorado (H) – Joint Resolution*
- Florida (H)
- Georgia (H)*
- Georgia (S)*
- Hawaii (H)
- Hawaii (S)
- Idaho (S)*
- Idaho (H)*
- Illinois (H)
- Indiana (S)
- Indiana (H)
- Iowa (S)*
- Iowa (H)
- Kansas (H)
- Kentucky (H)* - Commends the troops
- Kentucky (S)* - Commends the troops
- Michigan (S)*
- Minnesota (S)*
- Mississippi (S)*
- Mississippi (H)*
- New Hampshire (S)*
- New Jersey (H)
- New Mexico (H)
- New Mexico (S) – Joint Resolution
- North Carolina (H)
- Oklahoma (H)*
- Oklahoma (S) - Concurrent Resolution
- Oregon (H)*
- Pennsylvania (H)
- South Carolina (H)*
- South Carolina (S)* – Concurrent Resolution
- South Dakota (H)*
- Texas (H)*
- Texas (S)
- Utah (H)*
- Vermont (H)
- Wisconsin (S)*

Estrada Resolution

- Arkansas (S) – failed in a House Vote
- Arkansas (H)
- California (H)
- California (S)
- Colorado (S)

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The Oregon House has introduced a resolution making all the provisions of the 2001 Tax Cut Package Permanent.

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