

**Draft Agenda
Tobacco Industry Labor Management Conference
November 11-13, 1992**

Thursday, November 12

8:45 a.m. Welcome from Bob Curtis
 Susan Stuntz - Introduce TI Principals
 Jim Savarese - Introduce Union Representatives

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
FEDERAL TAX ACTIVITY/HEALTH CARE

Federal Tax Activity (9:00 - 9:45)

I. Overview - Jim Savarese (3 min)

II. Federal Tax Activity Panel (Jim Savarese - moderator)

A. Bob McGlotten (5-7 min)

- legislative outlook for tax and budget policy
- post-election AFL-CIO legislative and budget agenda

B. Bob McIntyre (5-7 min)

- presentation of fair tax alternatives for next year's budget debate
- Citizens for Tax Justice's post-election agenda and plans

C. Jim Savarese (5-7 min)

- discussion of LMC federal grassroots tax activity (reference to Jack Otero to discuss LCLAA study and candidate outreach; Frank Ortis on his "open seat" activity)

Questions/Comments:

Question to Bob McGlotten from Harry Hubbard

- What does labor expect from a new Congress and a new Administration on the tax issue?

Question to Bob McIntyre from Holayter

- How much of an impact do various plans to reduce the deficit (Tsongas-Rudman; Perot) have on tax fairness?

Questions to McIntyre from Sam Dawson

- What do you think about Clinton's tax record in Arkansas?
- What do you predict Clinton will do with respect to consumer excise taxes?

Jim Savarase introduces Mike Forscey to present Consumer Tax Alliance ads

Health Care (9:45 - 10:30 a.m.)

I. Overview - Mike Forscey (5-7 min)

II. Health Care Panel (Mike Forscey - moderator)

A. Bob Brandon (5-7 min)

- discussion of health care options under a Clinton Administration and with a new Congress, with emphasis on financing alternatives
- description of Citizen Action grassroots activity on federal health care issue

B. Eric Shulman (5-7 min)

- discussion of the specific problem of excise taxes to fund health care
- IMC grassroots activity on the health care issue

Questions/Comments

- How are the various health care proposals being financed and can you rate the bills on the basis of tax fairness? (Bob Curtis)
- What is the Clinton Administration's position on the financing issue? (Ray Scannell)
- Forscey calls on Bob McGlotten to discuss AFL-CIO position on health care and cost containment.

BREAK (10:30 - 10:45 a.m.)

10:45 - 12:00 noon

STATE TAX ACTIVITY/HEALTH CARE

I. Overview - Jim Savarese (3 min)

- review problem states

II. State Tax Activity/Health Care Panel (moderator - Jim Savarese). (Brandon and Shulman remain on panel to discuss health care.)

A. Mike Ettlinger (5-7 min)

- review Citizens for Tax Justice activities in the states, including CTJ state tax studies

B. Wayne Cox (5-7 min)

- description of proposal in Minnesota to fund health care plan with cigarette excise tax increase
- discussion of successful coalition work with AFL-CIO and progressive groups to combat this tax increase
- discussion of court challenge by providers and role of doctors and providers in the process

C. Pete Giangreco (5-7 min)

- discussion of excise tax proposals to fund indigent health care in New Jersey; coalition work with progressive groups to combat these proposals
- discussion of efforts of labor and progressive groups to defeat cigarette excise tax increase earmarked for health care in Wisconsin

Questions/Comments:

Question to Eric Shulman from Jim Savarese.

- What is the relationship between the financing of federal and state health care?

Question to Bob Brandon from Jim Savarese.

- What activities is Citizen Action undertaking in the states on the health care issue?

Comments (prompted by Jim Savarese)

Joe Daniels - permanent coalition building work on the tax issue by serving on the board of Washington Citizen Action; activities of Washington Citizen Action in health care debate.

Lowell Junkins - description of recent excise tax battles in Iowa.

Liz Sears - building a fair tax coalition - examples, Illinois and Indiana (hurdles faced, etc.).

Tom Donahue - recent experiences on Massachusetts Tax Initiative.

Friday, November 13

[8:15 - 9:00 a.m. - Executive Session, LMC Representatives only]

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.
INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Federal/State OSHA**I. Overview - Mike Forscey (7 min)**

- federal OSHA reform/regulations; implications for state OSHAs
- labor's agenda for OSHA reform under a Clinton Administration
- federal IAQ legislation
- EPA risk assessment

II. Indoor Air Quality Panel (Mike Forscey - moderator)**A. Tom Donahue (5-7 min)**

- overview of LMC position on IAQ/ETS; description of LMC work with the AFL-CIO on OSHA regulations and indoor air quality legislation (refer to Jim Carey on the RFI)

B. Doug Weiland (5-7 min)

- discussion of activities in opposing the development of ETS standard by MIOSHA, including work with LMC unions

- description of work with NEMI on Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield smoking policy
- C. Joe Daniels (5-7 min)
- discussion of experiences as a member of Washington's Department of Labor & Industries Advisory Committee on proposed IAQ standard
- D. Jim Golden (5-7 min)
- brief update on NEMI, including plans for NEMI expansion
 - NEMI coordination with LMC consultants
 - NEMI grassroots activities in the states
 - NEMI role with OSHA

Questions/Comments led by Mike Forscey.

Art Carter - responses to discussion on State OSHA situation.

Phil Giarrizzo - working with AFL-CIO unions to defeat smoking bans, including experience with Los Angeles smoking ordinance.

Dave Schlein - description of SSA survey of indoor air quality problems.

Bob Wolper/Jim Carey - description of outreach work with other unions on the IAQ/collective bargaining issue (SEIU in Pennsylvania).

BREAK (10:45 - 11:00 a.m.)

11:00 - 12 noon
PROACTIVE

Privacy/Initiative and Referendum

- I. Privacy Overview - Jim Savarese (3 min - direction for next year)
- A. John O'Connell - experiences in successfully passing privacy legislation in Illinois
 - B. Jim Featherstonhaugh - experiences in successfully passing privacy legislation in New York

II. Initiative and Referendum Reform Overview - Jim Savarese

A. Pete Giangreco

- **New Jersey Initiative and Referendum Reform**

B. Joe Daniels

- **Washington AFL-CIO position in Initiative and Referendum Reform**