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Call Item 6

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1186

5 By: Representative Jackson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
10 PROGRESSIVE TAX REFORM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
13 PROGRESSIVE TAX REFORM.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. (a) There is created the "Taskforce to Study Progressive
20 Tax Reform".

21 (b) The taskforce shall be composed of the following members:

22 (1) The members of the House Interim Committee on Revenue and
23 Taxation;

24 (2) The members of the Senate Interim Committee on Revenue and
25 Taxation;

26 (3) The chairperson of the Legislative Women's Caucus or her
27 designee;

28 (4) The chairperson of the Legislative Black Caucus or his or
29 her designee; and

30 (5) One (1) member appointed by the Governor;

31 (c) The terms of the members of the taskforce shall expire on December
32 31, 2004.

33 (d) Vacancies on the taskforce shall be filled in the same manner as
34 provided for in the initial appointment.

35 (e) The chairperson shall be selected by the members of the taskforce.

36 (f)(1) The taskforce shall meet no less than monthly at dates to be



1 determined by the chairperson.

2 (2) The chairperson shall call the first meeting, which shall be
 3 held no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.

4 (g) The members of the taskforce who are not members of the General
 5 Assembly or the Arkansas Legislative Council shall serve without compensation
 6 and shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.

7 (h) The taskforce shall receive staff support from the Bureau of
 8 Legislative Research.

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 10 SECTION 2. (a)(1) Except as provided for in subdivision (a)(2) of
 11 this section, the purpose of the Taskforce to Study Progressive Tax Reform is
 12 to comprehensively study the current state tax law, including, but not
 13 limited to, the following:

14 (A) The Income Tax Act of 1929, Arkansas Code § 26-51-101
 15 et seq.;

16 (B) The Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, Arkansas Code
 17 § 26-52-101 et seq.;

18 (C) The Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, Arkansas
 19 Code § 26-53-101 et seq.;

20 (D) The Arkansas Corporate Franchise Tax Act of 1979,
 21 Arkansas Code § 26-54-101 et seq.;

22 (E) The motor fuels taxes levied under Arkansas Code §§
 23 26-55-101 through 26-55-1308;

24 (F) The Special Motor Fuels Tax Law, Arkansas Code § 26-
 25 56-101 et seq.;

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 27 (G) The state privileges taxes levied under Arkansas Code
 28 §§ 26-57-101 through 26-57-1307;

29 (H) The severance taxes levied under Arkansas Code §§ 26-
 30 58-101 through 26-58-303;

31 (I) The Estate Tax Law of Arkansas, Arkansas Code § 26-59-
 32 101 et seq.;

33 (J) The Alternative Fuels Tax Law, Arkansas Code § 26-62-
 34 101 et seq.;

35 (K) The county sales and use taxes authorized under
 36 Arkansas Code §§ 26-74-101 through 26-74-615;

1 (L) The municipal sales and use taxes authorized under
2 Arkansas Code §§ 26-75-101 through 26-75-801; and

3 (M) Any other tax levied or authorized by the State of
4 Arkansas.

5 (2) The taskforce shall not examine state property tax law.

6 (b) The taskforce shall:

7 (1) Examine the current state tax law as stated in subsection
8 (a) of this section to determine the changes necessary to implement
9 progressive tax reform;

10 (2) Propose legislation in the form of drafts of bills to be
11 introduced during the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly to
12 implement progressive tax reform;

13 (3) Examine whether constitutional changes are required to
14 implement progressive tax reform;

15 (4) If constitutional changes are required to implement
16 progressive tax reform, propose a draft of a joint resolution for a
17 constitutional amendment for the 2005 Regular Session of the General
18 Assembly;

19 (5) Assess the benefits and costs of implementing its proposed
20 legislation or constitutional amendment;

21 (6) Obtain financial impact reports from the Director of the
22 Department of Finance and Administration for each bill or joint resolution
23 that the task force proposes; and

24 (7) Make other recommendations for implementing progressive tax
25 reform.

26 (c)(1) The findings and recommendations of the taskforce shall be
27 submitted to the legislative leaders, state department directors, and other
28 appropriate parties for collaborative reform.

29 (2) The chairperson of the taskforce shall report to the Joint
30 Performance Review Committee after each meeting of the task force.

31 (3) The taskforce shall make its final report to the Joint
32 Performance Review Committee no later than December 1, 2004.

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