

2/25/2015

Memo:

To: Governor Nikki Haley

From: Michael (A) Filowiak

Subj: Communications Tax

Ref: Enclosed Article

Governor,

It is requested that you please Veto any and all legislation concerning the enclosed article.

Land Line and Cell Phone operations are hereby separate entities, and should be taxed separately as required and or needed, this is how monopolies are stated.

Thankyou,

Mike Filowiak

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hearing and speech impaired in maintaining viable phone services and equipment, Bolland said, and support basic phone services used by all landline and cell users.

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Landline use has dropped dramatically over the past dozen years, while cellphone use has exploded over that same

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Reid, D-Nev., said, "Democrats' offer to first fund Homeland Security and then debate immigration stands. All Republicans have to do is say yes."

Outside groups are pressuring lawmakers to hold the line.

"What we want is for Congress to pass a clean DHS bill and for the parties to come together to pass a comprehensive immigration bill," said Hector Sanchez, chairman of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda.

Kevin Broughton, communications director for the Tea Party Patriots, said it was time for Republicans to make good on campaign vows to address Obama's executive actions.

"The point is that Republicans last fall went hard against executive amnesty. ... Now is not the time to lose your nerve," he said.

With the fate of the funding bill uncertain, the agency is preparing for a possible partial shutdown. DHS officials said 30,000 employees — about 15 percent of its workforce — might be furloughed.

That group would include 5,500 of the Transportation Security Administration's employees but exclude federal air marshals.

Front-line divisions such as the TSA, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Coast Guard would continue to operate.

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Democrats, at 71 percent, were the most likely to support raising taxes on capital gains. Among Republicans and independents, 46 percent supported it.

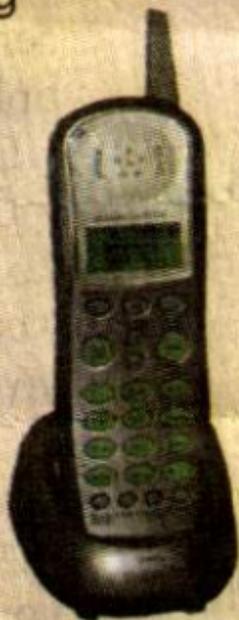
Obama's other tax plans didn't fare as well.

About 27 percent said they favored making estates pay capital gains taxes on assets when they are inherited, and 36 percent opposed it. Just 19 percent said they supported the president's aborted plan to scale back the tax benefits of popular college savings plans, 529 accounts, named after a section in federal tax law. Obama withdrew the proposal after Republicans and some Democrats in Congress opposed it.

PHONE FEES

ALREADY IN PLACE

- Taxes on telecommunications in the state assist the hearing and speech impaired in maintaining viable phone services and equipment, and support basic phone services used by all landline and cell users.
- Landline users pay a 2.65 percent tax on their monthly bill into the Universal Service Fund.



UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL

- The landline service fee would extend to landline and cellphone users.
- Some experts say a 1.6 percent tax would be added to all bills if the state's 4.5 million cellphone users are put into the pool.