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## EDITORIAL

We wish the state government would stop trying to create the idea that taxes can be directed toward a certain segment of our economy without touching the "common taxpayer". One such myth now being given the dead-pan, pure truth treatment is the proposed inclusion of services under the sales tax. Who will pay the \$75 million that might be raised? You and I, the common tax payer! The fact that the tax will be directed at various service groups merely means that they are to be included in that select group of unpaid tax collectors who gather the money from their customer. In the end, all taxes are paid by the person who has to buy things to live. The cost of any business operation must include the tax burden it carries. If the business cannot collect it from its customers, it will soon go broke. Taxes are as much a cost of operation as the labor and materials, the rent and the merchandise. To extend the sales tax merely adds an extra chore, and even this adds to your purchase price because it costs money to collect taxes for the state in extra bookkeeping, extra help, postage, stationery and penalty in case of error. We would appreciate it if the powers that be would for one honest moment admit that they are not the slightest bit interested how much you pay, but only in the methods used to get it away from you.