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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Crane Tithe Tax Act
5 of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS.**

2 The following provisions of the Internal Revenue
3 Code of 1986 are hereby repealed:

4 (1) section 11 (relating to corporate income
5 tax),

6 (2) section 55 (relating to alternative minimum
7 tax) insofar as it applies to corporations,

8 (3) section 511 (relating to unrelated business
9 income tax),

10 (4) section 531 (relating to accumulated earn-
11 ings tax),

12 (5) section 541 (relating to personal holding
13 company tax),

14 (6) section 594 (relating to alternative tax for
15 certain mutual savings banks),

16 (7) section 801 (relating to tax imposed on life
17 insurance companies),

18 (8) section 821 (relating to tax imposed on cer-
19 tain mutual insurance companies),

20 (9) section 831 (relating to tax on certain other
21 insurance companies),

22 (10) section 852 (relating to tax on regulated
23 investment companies),

24 (11) section 857 (relating to tax on real estate
25 investment trusts), and

1 (12) section 882 (relating to tax on income of
2 foreign corporations connected with United States
3 business).

4 **SEC. 3. 10 PERCENT INCOME TAX RATE FOR INDIVIDUALS.**

5 Section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (re-
6 lating to tax imposed on individuals) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 **“SECTION 1. TAX IMPOSED.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby imposed on the
10 income of every individual a tax equal to 10 percent of
11 the excess of the earned income of such individual for the
12 taxable year over the exemption amount for such year.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

14 “(1) EXEMPTION AMOUNT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘exemption
16 amount’ means, for any taxable year, \$10,000
17 increased (for taxable years beginning after De-
18 cember 31, 2003) by an amount equal to
19 \$10,000 multiplied by the cost-of-living adjust-
20 ment for the calendar year in which the taxable
21 year begins.

22 “(B) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—For
23 purposes of this paragraph—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The cost-of-living
2 adjustment for any calendar year is the
3 percentage (if any) by which—

4 “(I) the CPI for October of the
5 preceding calendar year, exceeds

6 “(II) the CPI for October of
7 2002.

8 “(ii) CPI.—The term ‘CPI’ means the
9 last Consumer Price Index for all-urban
10 consumers published by the Department of
11 Labor.

12 “(C) ROUNDING.—If the increase deter-
13 mined under this paragraph is not a multiple of
14 \$10, such increase shall be rounded to the near-
15 est multiple of \$10 (or if such increase is a
16 multiple of \$5, such increase shall be increased
17 to the next highest multiple of \$10).

18 “(2) EARNED INCOME.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
20 subparagraph (B), the term ‘earned income’
21 means—

22 “(i) wages, salaries, and other em-
23 ployee compensation,

1 “(ii) the amount of the taxpayer’s net
 2 earnings from self-employment for the tax-
 3 able year, and

4 “(iii) the amount of dividends which
 5 are from a personal service corporation or
 6 which are otherwise directly or indirectly
 7 compensation for services.

8 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—The term ‘earned in-
 9 come’ does not include—

10 “(i) any amount received as a pension
 11 or annuity, or

12 “(ii) any tip unless the amount of the
 13 tip is not within the discretion of the serv-
 14 ice-recipient.

15 “(C) FRINGE BENEFITS VALUED AT EM-
 16 PLOYER COST.—The amount of any fringe ben-
 17 efit which is included as earned income shall be
 18 the cost to the employer of such benefit.”

19 **SEC. 4. AMNESTY FOR ALL PRIOR TAX LIABILITY.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—No person shall be liable for any
 21 tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code
 22 of 1986 (or for penalties and interest with respect to such
 23 tax) for any taxable year ending before January 1, 2002.

24 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

1 (1) AMOUNTS PAID.—Subsection (a) shall not
2 apply to amounts paid before the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act.

4 (2) TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO ILLEGAL ACTIVI-
5 TIES.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any tax (in-
6 cluding penalties and interest with respect to such
7 tax) attributable to any business activity which is in
8 violation of any Federal, State, or local law.

9 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF SPECIAL DEDUCTIONS, CREDITS, AND**
10 **EXCLUSIONS FROM INCOME FOR INDIVID-**
11 **UALS.**

12 Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
13 amended by striking out all specific exclusions from gross
14 income, all deductions, and all credits against income tax
15 to the extent related to the computation of individual in-
16 come tax liability.

17 **SEC. 6. REPEAL OF ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES.**

18 Subtitle B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (re-
19 lating to estate, gift, and generation-skipping taxes) is
20 hereby repealed.

21 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), the amendments made by this Act shall apply to tax-
24 able years beginning after the date of the enactment of
25 this Act.

1 (b) REPEAL OF ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES.—The re-
2 peal made by section 6 shall apply to estates of decedents
3 dying, and transfers made, after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act.

5 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.—The
6 Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate shall, as soon
7 as practicable but in any event not later than 90 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the
9 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives a draft of any technical and conforming
11 changes in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which are
12 necessary to reflect throughout such Code the changes in
13 the substantive provisions of law made by this Act.

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