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'YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME'



As a follow-up to the TIME initiative committee lawsuit against Leg Council over ballot wording in favor of the proposition (see yesterday's YS), the Arizona Free Enterprise Club (AFC) sends a release today supporting the language and backing Leg Council. "This is straight from the 'You Gotta Be Kidding Me' file," AFC President **Steve Voeller** said. "It's not often that lawsuits are filed over information that plaintiffs concede is accurate." Here is the language being challenged:

Beginning in January 2010, Proposition ___ would increase various taxes for thirty years. The transaction privilege tax ("sales tax") and the use tax would be increased from 5.6 cents per one dollar to 6.6 cents per one dollar (a 17.8% tax increase).

The TIME committee contends voters might misread the language to mean the sales tax would increase by 17.8%, when it actually would go to 6.6% from 5.6%. Voeller says the tax increase would total \$1.4 billion a year and would be the largest tax increase in Arizona history. "I don't know if this is the purest definition of a 'frivolous lawsuit,' but it does point out what proponents of this major tax increase will do to try to pass their initiative," Voeller said. "They want to hide the facts."