The following is an edited version of the original source, "Saving Tennessee - Tennessee’s Get Our Money Back Campaign 2002," at: http://www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0207/S00031.htm. As the author wrote in the original, "You are encouraged to take over, lead, republish, forward, or otherwise use all or any part [of this work]." This version emphasizes the fact that the United States government will not account for over 3 trillion dollars "missing" from the Department of Defense and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal years 1998, 1999 and 2000. Today state governments are purportedly having to cut back millions of dollars from their annual budgets because money is supposed to be so tight. Yet U.S. federal departments' budgets do not account for fiscal systems they are responsible for by orders of magnitude more than individuals have any practical knowledge or experience of. How can there be any genuine responsibility, integrity or legitimacy in the system of corporate governance practiced here in America?

See Also: U.S.’s Missing $Trillions Make Mainstream At Last, Scoop, 5/26/03
Oh, no - Pentagon loses $2.3 trillion, by Uri Dowbenko, 2/17/02

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**Saving Tennessee**

**There is $3.3 Trillion Missing From HUD & DOD in FYs 1998-2000**

by Catherine Austin Fitts

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**Fellow Citizens of Tennessee:**

Learn more about the missing money -- $3.3 trillion of undocumentable adjustments ("missing money") in the federal government, fiscal years 1998, 1998, and 2000. That’s $11,700 per American resident.

Tennessee’s 1999 individual taxes:
$29.4 billion

Tennessee’s annualized share of $3.3 trillion of the missing money:
$20.2 billion
The Missing Money:
Why Tennesseens Are Working Harder & Getting Less

In June 2001 the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, under the leadership of Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN), published its study, "Government at the Brink."[1] The study describes the failure of federal government agencies to maintain reliable financial systems and/or to publish required independent annual audited financial statements. The President’s initial 2002 budget (before increases for 9-11) proposed that approximately 85% of all federal appropriations be awarded to the very same agencies the Thompson study states either (a) fail to maintain reliable financial systems, (b) fail to publish trustworthy or, in some cases, any, independent certified financial statements (as required by law), or both.[2]

What this means is that the citizens of Tennessee are paying an average of $5,175 per person in federal taxes,[3] of which $4,472 is appropriated by our Congressional representatives to agencies and their outside contractors who fail to account for the use of our money.[4] In other words, most federal agencies and their contractors are not held accountable for performance, raising the question of what the people of Tennessee are getting for their significant investment in taxes paid to the U. S. Treasury and collected by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). While government agencies thumb their noses at laws requiring accountability, we spend enormous amounts of time and energy providing the IRS with accurate and complete annual financial reports on ourselves. Is our Federal government not to be held accountable to the same standards or rigorous financial reporting requirements as we the taxpayers?

Every year, Congressman Steve Horn (R-CA), Chairman of the House Government Reform
subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations[5] issues a report card regarding attempts by federal agencies to produce reliable annual audited financial statements.

20 Jun 2003  The 108th Congress’ House Government Reform is chaired by Tom Davis (R-VA). Todd Platts
ratitor’s Note: (PA-19) is the Chairman of the subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial
Management and Intergovernmental Relations. The subcommittee’s News subsection of the
House Committee on Government Reform’s website includes a press release for 7 April 2003:
"What Will It Take for the Federal Government to Get a Handle on Its Accounting Practices?":

"On March 31, 2003, the General Accounting Office (GAO) released its audit of the consolidated financial
statements for the Federal government for fiscal years 2002 and 2001. As in the previous five fiscal years, GAO
found that the information in the consolidated financial statements could not be relied upon to express an
"opinion" because of deficiencies in accounting and reporting across the executive branch. . . .

"For the sixth straight year, the GAO was unable to render an opinion on the Federal government’s financial
statements. In addition, the GAO reported significant material deficiencies that affected both the financial
statements and the management of government operations. Further, the GAO found that the Federal
government did not maintain effective internal controls and that Federal financial management systems did not
substantially comply with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (FFMIA).

"In GAO’s audit report, Comptroller General Walker pointed to three major impediments to achieving a clean
opinion on the consolidated financial statements: 1) the resolution of the serious financial management
problems at the Department of Defense (DOD); 2) the Federal government’s inability to account for billions of
dollars of transactions between federal government entities; and 3) the Federal government’s inability to
properly prepare financial statements."

**Congressman Horn’s Financial Management Report Card**
**Agencies Rated D or F, Fiscal Year 2001 (Ended 9/30)**

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Other reports from sources like agency inspectors general and government whistleblowers charge that the problems are much deeper than mere accounting; they allege stolen and missing inventory (planes, tanks, etc.) and in some cases actually admit that they rely on black budget funding (i.e., funding that is "off balance sheet" and not subject to Congressional oversight). The existence of such reports requires that we ask whether the very government officials and contractors who are paid handsomely to protect and manage our resources in accordance with the law are looting the federal government.

Total undocumented accounting adjustments for reported periods for the Department of Defense (fall of 1997 to date) amount to a whopping $3.3 trillion, or $11,700 for every American. (Many American families don’t even have $11,700 in savings in their bank accounts.) The Department of Defense has failed to produce independent audited financial statements since the requirement went into effect in 1995. HUD’s Inspector General refused to certify HUD’s fiscal 1999 financial statements. Since both agencies have refused to explain the undocumented adjustments in adequate detail for some years and declined to report or make public undocumented adjustments, we have no evidence to document that large amounts of assets or money are not being stolen.[6]

In the summer of 2000, as the former Assistant Secretary of Housing -- Federal Housing Commissioner and former contractor to HUD, [7] I visited offices of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee for HUD. While there, a senior staff member of the Chairman of the subcommittee asked me what was going on at HUD. When I deferred, this staffer said, "HUD is being run as a criminal enterprise."[8] The US Treasury, the Department of Justice, the New York Federal Reserve as depository and some or all of the major HUD contractors would have to be complicit if this charge is true. If they know what is going on at HUD and do nothing to stop it, then they are complicit! (Do we have a case of racketeering under the RICO criminal statutes?)

I subsequently communicated this situation to the Tennessee staff for my Congressional delegation. In response, one staff member advised me to "stop trying to save the world." Later that year, all three members of my delegation, Senator Fred Thompson, Senator Bill Frist, and Congressman Ed Bryant, voted "yes" to a $1.7 billion increase in HUD’s budget. Letters from my attorney to Senator Thompson regarding HUD and from me to all Congressional representatives regarding growing criminal influence in government went unanswered. (Their inaction and their lack of response, suggest guilt and complicity. It’s much the same as a person involved in an auto accident when a pedestrian is run down and they flee the scene. They are usually suspected of being involved in a "hit and run.")

In response to an invitation from the Hardeman County Republican Party, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation with friends and neighbors given by Congressman Van Hilleary (R-TN) at the offices of the First South Bank in Bolivar. Congressman Hilleary presented his qualifications to serve as our next Governor of Tennessee, stressing his qualifications to bring financial responsibility and accountability to Tennessee state government.

During questions and answers, Congressman Hilleary confirmed that he was aware that there was $3.3 trillion missing at the DOD and HUD. I asked him what he had done to figure out
what money is gone and how we can get it back. I explained that getting our money back is the only way to make sure more money doesn’t disappear in the future. His response was that he was only one of more than 400 members of the House of Representatives and that there was really nothing he could do. When I returned home, a visit to Congressman Hilleary’s website confirmed that he is in fact one of a much smaller group who serves on the House Armed Services and Budget Committees and he strongly supported the $48 billion increase in our military budget without so much as a contingency placed on such spending to require compliance with the laws that regulate agency financial management.

Why is this situation relevant to my family, friends and neighbors in Hardeman County, Tennessee during this election season? (And indeed relevant to the other 49 states and 3,066 counties in this great country.) Recent Bureau of Economic Analysis statistics indicate that the average American citizen has revenues of approximately $31,817, expenses of $37,118 and is financing day-to-day living expenses by liquidating assets and borrowing approximately $5,301. Meantime, corporate assets continue to rise as citizens’ assets decline. This trend has remained unchanged for the last few years.

What that means is that the amount of assets we have to sell or borrow to make ends meet is about the same as the amount we are paying to the federal government, most of which is disappearing down a federal "black hole." Meanwhile, Washington confers even more contracts and special benefits upon private companies like those managing the accounting and information systems at HUD and DOD and supports inside deals for companies like Enron. Indeed, many of the companies that run HUD were intimately involved with Enron. Yard sales, car sales, small business bankruptcies and mortgage and consumer debt defaults increase as ordinary men and women throughout Tennessee try to foot the bill.

I believe that Tennessee’s pro rata share of the "missing money" is more than enough to fund any increased budget needs here in Tennessee. Rather than imposing a state income tax or increasing individual state taxes, why not simply fund any state deficits with our portion of recaptured resources that were lost or stolen by the federal government? Indeed, why not lower state and federal taxes? Based on many years of managing and reengineering private and government funds and cleaning up billions of Iran Contra, S&L and HUD financial fraud, it is possible to reengineer federal budgets on a local level in a manner that could lead to a much lower tax and debt burden.

The campaigns and elections this year offer a unique opportunity for the citizens of Tennessee -- as well as the other 49 states of the U.S. -- to ensure that we only pay taxes that are used for lawful and economic purposes. We can demand a return of amounts paid to defaulting government contractors and the profits of fraud and crime -- whether by corporations or in government -- to fund current budgets.

It is time to get our money back to fund state and local needs rather than consider tax increases and to ensure local control and accountability for our resources. Our federal representatives are paid to serve us. If they fail to observe their legal mandates, we need to vote them out and vote in people who can. It is also time to ask our local representatives to take the steps that they can to get our missing federal tax dollars back.

But let’s not stop there. It is time to ask our local tax attorneys, judges and accountants what
legal steps can be taken to establish judgments and set asides, escrow tax payments or to ask the courts to condition appropriations on compliance with the law. It is time to insist that all government contract budgets and contracts be fully disclosed and web accessible so that we can see whether the same corporations and banks that have devastated private savings are also responsible for raiding our public assets and savings and failing to perform on their contracts.

Long ago, when Americans tossed bales of British team into Boston Harbor, the slogan was, "No Taxation without Representation!" Now the new slogan should be: "No Taxation without Transparency and Accountability!"

May 22, 2002
Hickory Valley, Tennessee

Notes:


3. Based on IRS 1999 collections of individual taxes.


5. House Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations


7. from C.A.H.’s Bio:
   Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, 1989-1990. Responsible for the operations of the Federal Housing Administration; including annual origination’s of $50-100 billion of mortgage insurance; servicing of $320 billion of mortgage insurance, mortgages and properties, portfolio analysis and pricing for 63,000 communities; production and management of assisted private housing; reengineering of organization of 7,000 employees in 80 offices nationwide; migration of systems to network systems and tools; and advisor to the Secretary on capital markets regulatory responsibilities, including the RTC Oversight Board, Federal Housing Finance Board and Home Loan Bank Board System, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Innovations included numerous changes in law and regulations and administration to institute stronger financial and appropriation controls to FHA and all federal credit programs and significantly stronger financial disclosure government wide. This included development of the first place based financial reporting at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC.

How Missing Money is Costing You and Your Family

How Much of Our Money Goes to Books "Cooked" by Federal Agencies & Government Contractors & US Treasury Bank Depositories?
State by State

USA Average
Residents (April 2000 census): 281,421,906
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $1.6 trillion
Taxes per Resident: $5,688
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,835

- If you live in Alabama
Residents (April 2000 census): 4,447,100
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $15.9 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,572
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,078

- If you live in Alaska
Residents (April 2000 census): 626,932
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $2.7 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,290
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,750

- If you live in Arizona
Residents (April 2000 census): 5,130,632
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $19.2 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,598
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,234

- If you live in Arkansas
Residents (April 2000 census): 2,673,400
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $12.3 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,598
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,983
• If you live in California
  Residents (April 2000 census): 33,871,648
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $185.2 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $5,467
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,724

• If you live in Colorado
  Residents (April 2000 census): 4,301,261
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $29.4 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $6,833
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $5,916

• If you live in Connecticut
  Residents (April 2000 census): 3,405,565
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $31.4 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $9,232
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $7,959

• If you live in Delaware
  Residents (April 2000 census): 783,600
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $6.1 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $7,810
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $6,706

• If you live in Florida
  Residents (April 2000 census): 15,982,378
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $76.5 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $4,787
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,136

• If you live in Georgia
  Residents (April 2000 census): 8,186,453
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $43,590,023
  Taxes per Resident: $5,324
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,595

• If you live in Hawaii
  Residents (April 2000 census): 1,211,537
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $4.8 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $3,947
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,424

• If you live in Idaho
  Residents (April 2000 census): 1,293,953
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $5.4 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $4,197
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,633

• If you live in Illinois
  Residents (April 2000 census): 12,419,293
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $90.7 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $7,304
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $6,314

• If you live in Indiana
  Residents (April 2000 census): 6,080,485
  1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $29.7 billion
  Taxes per Resident: $4,880
  2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,207
• If you live in Iowa
Residents (April 2000 census): 2,926,324
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $12.1 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,145
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,591

• If you live in Kansas
Residents (April 2000 census): 2,688,418
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $13.7 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,086
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,372

• If you live in Kentucky
Residents (April 2000 census): 4,041,769
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $14.8 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,671
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,182

• If you live in Louisiana
Residents (April 2000 census): 4,468,976
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $13.6 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,034
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $2,630

• If you live in Maine
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,274,923
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $4.5 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,531
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,037

• If you live in Maryland & DC
Residents (April 2000 census): 5,868,545
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $44.9 billion
Taxes per Resident: $7,658
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $6,622

• If you live in Massachusetts
Residents (April 2000 census): 6,349,097
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $50.9 billion
Taxes per Resident: $8,022
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $6,926

• If you live in Michigan
Residents (April 2000 census): 9,938,444
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $63.7 billion
Taxes per Resident: $6,406
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $5,538

• If you live in Minnesota
Residents (April 2000 census): 4,919,479
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $42.8 billion
Taxes per Resident: $8,694
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $7,506

• If you live in Mississippi
Residents (April 2000 census): 2,844,658
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $8.0 billion
Taxes per Resident: $2,834
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $2,430
If you live in Missouri
Residents (April 2000 census): 5,595,211
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $33.2 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,926
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $5,116

If you live in Montana
Residents (April 2000 census): 902,195
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $2.7 billion
Taxes per Resident: $2,984
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $2,605

If you live in Nebraska
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,711,263
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $9.8 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,701
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,929

If you live in Nevada
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,998,257
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $9.6 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,811
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,152

If you live in New Hampshire
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,235,786
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $6.3 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,047
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,364

If you live in New Jersey
Residents (April 2000 census): 8,414,350
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $69.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $8,250
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $7,133

If you live in New Mexico
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,819,046
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $5.5 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,007
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $2,584

If you live in New York
Residents (April 2000 census): 18,976,457
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $145.8 billion
Taxes per Resident: $7,681
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $6,639

If you live in North Carolina
Residents (April 2000 census): 8,049,313
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $35.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,394
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,797

If you live in North Dakota
Residents (April 2000 census): 642,200
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $2.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,690
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,230
If you live in Ohio
Residents (April 2000 census): 11,353,140
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $66.7 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,876
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $5,079

If you live in Oregon
Residents (April 2000 census): 3,421,399
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $16.1 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,687
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,042

If you live in Pennsylvania
Residents (April 2000 census): 12,281,054
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $70.6 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,751
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,966

If you live in Rhode Island
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,048,319
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $5.5 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,288
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,617

If you live in South Carolina
Residents (April 2000 census): 4,012,012
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $15.8 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,943
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,412

If you live in South Dakota
Residents (April 2000 census): 754,844
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $3.0 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,999
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,481

If you live in Tennessee
Residents (April 2000 census): 5,689,283
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $29.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,175
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,472

If you live in Texas
Texas Residents (April 2000 census): 20,851,820
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $104.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,007
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,324

If you live in Utah
Residents (April 2000 census): 2,233,169
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $8.8 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,934
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,406

If you live in Vermont
Residents (April 2000 census): 608,827
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $2.5 billion
Taxes per Resident: $4,109
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,634
If you live in Virginia
Residents (April 2000 census): 7,078,515
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $40.1 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,667
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4904

If you live in Washington
Residents (April 2000 census): 5,894,121
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $38.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $6,521
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $5,631

If you live in West Virginia
Residents (April 2000 census): 1,808,344
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $4.4 billion
Taxes per Resident: $2,434
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $2,064

If you live in Wisconsin
Residents (April 2000 census): 5,363,675
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $28.6 billion
Taxes per Resident: $5,340
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $4,615

If you live in Wyoming
Residents (April 2000 census): 493,782
1999 IRS Individual Taxes: $1.9 billion
Taxes per Resident: $3,976
2002 Proposed Appropriations to Federal Agencies Without Reliable Financial Systems and/or Audits per Resident . . . $3,360

Based On
Audit reports and testimony by federal agency inspectors general and the General Accounting Office for federal fiscal 1998-2000, "report cards" from Congressman Horn’s subcommittee of the House Government Reform Committee and Chairman Thompson’s report on Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, "Government on the Brink." [PDF: Volume 1 and Volume 2]

And to make matters worse, you have already lost . . . .

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May 22, 2002
Hickory Valley, Tennessee
Letter To Congressman Van Hilleary (R-TN)

May 22, 2002

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Re: Failure of Federal Agencies to Produce Independent Annual Certified Financial Statements and Reliable Financial Systems; $3.3 Trillion of Undocumented Adjustments at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Defense (DOD) for fiscal 1998-2000 (the "missing money").

Dear Congressman Hilleary:

I had the opportunity to attend your presentation in early March at the offices of First South Bank in Bolivar. You reviewed your qualifications to serve as our next Governor of Tennessee. Your focus was on the importance of your qualifications and ability to bring financial responsibility and accountability to Tennessee state government. During questions and answers, you confirmed that you were aware that there was over $3.3 trillion of missing money at DOD and HUD for fiscal 1998-2000. When asked what you had done to figure out what money is gone and how we get it back and make sure that this does not happen again, your response was that you were only one of more than 400 members of the House of Representatives and that there was really nothing you could do.

As a follow up, I have prepared the following questions with the help of the members of the Hickory Valley Baptist Church Women’s Bible Class. Your responses to more specific questions are necessary for us to assess your qualifications to manage complex government
budgets and financial problems. They will also help us to understand what actions we can take to ensure that our tax dollars are managed according to the law and lost or stolen money is recovered and returned to the US Treasury.

We appreciate your sending a written response to our questions to:

The Hickory Valley Baptist Church - Women’s Bible Class  
PO Box 157  
Hickory Valley, Tennessee 38042

We anticipate asking these or similar questions to the other candidates running in Tennessee this year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at catherine@solari.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Austin Fitts  
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Attachment: Questions

Cc:

Members, Hickory Valley Baptist Church, Women’s Bible Class  
Tennessee Media
Questions:
Actions You Have Taken to Identify and Return Our Missing Money

I. Committee Positions and Appropriation Votes

What have your committee responsibilities been since the fall of 1997? Please explain briefly how they relate to oversight of the agencies that have reported large undocumented adjustments and missing money from fiscal 1998 on, including DOD, HUD, Education and the Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs, and provide your voting record on appropriations for these agencies for the federal budget years 1999-2003.

II. Education

What steps have you taken to inform yourself about the missing money and the failure of federal agencies to manage their resources properly from the fall of 1997 to date?

III. Staff Assignments

What steps have you taken to assign your staff resources to investigating or trying to illuminate or recapture the missing money from fiscal 1998 to date? Please describe briefly.

IV. Letters and Meetings

What correspondence have you initiated and what meetings have you requested with the following agencies to stop any losses and fraud and to get any missing money back?

- Department of Treasury
- DOD
- HUD
- Department of Education
- Office of Management and Budget
- Department of Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs
What steps have you taken to have the above agencies illuminate cash bonus payments
to personnel involved in accounting and financial management or agency leadership?
In this respect, what correspondence and meetings have you initiated with:

- Office of Personnel Management

V. Requests for Investigations

Please list all requests for investigations that you have made of the agencies and offices
with responsibility to investigate federal financial and contracting fraud and related
personnel and contractor management issues, including:

- General Accounting Office
- Inspector General -- DOD
- Inspector General -- HUD
- Inspector General -- Education
- Inspector General -- Department of Treasury
- Inspector General -- Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
- Department of Justice
- President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency
- Office of Personnel Management

Please list all requests that you have made for analysis of the impact of the missing
money on the federal credit and the feasibility and cost of financing the federal deficit
and government operations as well as the impact on the competitive value of the US
dollar in world markets, including from:

- Congressional Budget Office
- Congressional Research Office
- Department of Treasury

VI. Disclosure and Oversight of Contractors

Please list all efforts you have made with any agencies to:

- publicly identify contractors responsible for management of agency computer and
information systems as well as accounting, depository and payment software and
systems;
- hold contractors accountable for performance;
- recapture payments where contractors fail to perform.

Have you asked for recommendations for reform regarding contractor choice,
compensation and accountability from:

- General Services Administration
- DOD Audit
- Department of Justice

Will you commit to provide the public during this election cycle with a contracting
budget for each agency that is missing money? If not, why not?
VII. Hearings

What hearings have you held or intend to hold regarding the missing money?

VIII. Floor Speeches by Special Order

How many floor speeches have you given or do you intend to give about the missing money?

IX. Education and Enlistment of other Congressional Representatives

What efforts have you made to educate or enlist your other Congressional representatives and leadership?

X. Education of Constituents

The missing money is the equivalent of $11,700 per American citizen. What is your annual budget funded by taxpayers to communicate with your constituents? Please list the efforts you have made to communicate about the missing money with your constituents and engage their support in protecting our resources?

XI. Legislation

What legislation have you introduced or co-sponsored to enforce financial accountability in the federal government, including recapturing monies lost or stolen? What legislation have you introduced or co-sponsored to ensure transparency or support enforcement efforts with concrete consequences for failure to perform:
- Accessible public disclosure of all federal contracts and contracting budgets by agency and by geographic location;
- Accessible public disclosure of all federal appropriations, assets and credit originations and portfolios by place;
- Firing and debarment of contractors who fail to perform their responsibilities to build and manage reliable and trustworthy financial systems;
- Conditioning of budget authorizations and appropriations on maintenance of financial standards;
- Conditioning of agency cash bonuses on agency financial performance;
- Recapturing of missing money.

XII. Campaign Donations

Please list the campaign donations you have received from federal government contractors at DOD, HUD, the Department of Treasury and Interior, as well as their law firms, lobbyists, employees and investors.

XIII. Your Actions Prior to November

Please list the actions that you will commit to take between now and the elections to find our missing money and get it back.
Learn more about how the money works for our congressmen and senators while our money went missing and they did not stop it or get it back yet. To read the financial filings and donation history of our elected Representatives, as well as information on law firms, lobbyists and corporations and political action committees (PACS) and a treasure chest of other information on "how the money works" in your government see Open Secrets - Money in politics data (www.opensecrets.org).

Ask your congressman and senators about stock market profits by banks, corporations, government contractors and investors that fund our political parties and congressional campaigns. To learn more about the corporations whose political action committees (PACs) and insider stock deals and stock option profits (fueled by government subsidies, credit programs and contracts) fund your specific candidates go to SEC filings (www.freeedgar.com) provides corporate financial statements and stock filings with the Securities & Exchange Commission; annual proxies list boards, compensation and large investor’s ownership positions. If you get the names of their law and accounting firms and investors from the proxies, you can check their donations at opensecrets.org as well as employees and their PAC as well via Stock Quotes & History (finance.yahoo.com), which tracks stock performance against policy and budget changes in government programs, contracts and regulations and failure to enforce and the flow of donations to your candidate.
Government Contracts, Contractors and Subsidies

For All States see Eagle Eye (www.eagleeyeinc.com)

Top Federal Contractors

- List of the Top 100 Defense Contractors
  http://www.govexec.com/top200/01top/s3chart.htm
- List of the Top 100 Federal Civilian Agency Contractors
  http://www.govexec.com/top200/01top/s4chart.htm
- List of the Top Federal Contractors By Civilian Agency
  http://www.govexec.com/top200/01top/purchaseother.htm
- List of the Top 100 Federal Information Technology Contractors
  1-50: http://www.washingtontechnology.com/top-100-2001/top-100.html
  51-100: http://www.washingtontechnology.com/top-100-2001/top-100-2.html
- Government Contractor Owned by Department of Justice: Federal Prison Industries, Inc. - UNICOR
  (www.unicor.gov). (Federal agencies are required to buy products available from Unicor. It is a
  "mandatory source provider." For a federal agency to buy products from another source requires
  obtaining a waiver from Unicor.) See Unicor’s product list: http://www.unicor.gov/schedule/

US Treasury Depository

- New York Federal Reserve (www.ny.frb.org)

Do you pay for things that don’t work? Do you pay for products and services that never work year after year?
Why are government contractors rewarded for failure?

- Write to the CEO, board members and investors of the government contractors paid to build and manage
  reliable computer accounting and payment systems at the agencies missing money and demand our
  money back -- starting what they were paid to manage our money!
- Insist that your pension funds, mutual funds, IRAs and investment advisors dump the stocks of these
  companies until we get our missing money back.
- Stop purchasing their products and services.
- Pull your deposits out of their banks.
- Figure out who their investors are and pull your money out of their mutual funds and banks and other
  companies.
- While our money is missing, they need to be missing our money.
- Vote in the marketplace with your time and money today.
- Switch your purchases, your deposits, your investments and your associations to banks, companies and
  investment advisors owned and run by people not involved in losing or stealing our money or in Enron
  type activities that burn up our tax money. (See The Real Deal About Enron, interview with Catherine
  Austin Fitts by Daniel Armstrong, January 2003.)
- Find out who their lawyers, accountants and lobbyists are and do the same with them.

All Agencies Missing Money

Here are the corporations who run the federal agencies where our money has gone missing:

- US Treasury Depository

- Department of Defense:
  100 Defense Contractors (www.govexec.com/top200/01top/s3chart.htm) (+)

- Department of Housing and Urban Development:
Selected Contractors at HUD, including its financial operations Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae):

- Lockheed-Martin (www.lockheedmartin.com) (+)
- J-P Morgan-Chase (www.jpmorganchase.com) (+)
- DynCorp (dyncorp.com) (+)
- AEW Capital Management (www.aew.com/AEW/)
- AMS Global Business and IT Consultants (www.ams.com)
- Arthur Anderson (www.andersen.com) (+)
- ARCO Management (www.arcomgt.com)
- Harvard Corporation and Endowment (www.harvard.edu) (+)
- EDS global information technology (IT) services (www.eds.com)
- Price Waterhouse Coopers (www.pwcglobal.com)
- ICF Consulting (www.icfconsulting.com)

Issuers, Dealers and Holders of Ginnie Mae (HUD) Securities and Other Securities Using FHA (HUD) credit and subsidy. (+) All Ginnie Mae (HUD) Issuers:

- www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/sf_issuers.pdf

+ Indicates significant involvement of a board member, lead investor or the bank or corporation in Enron bankruptcy and Enron On Line Trading in public disclosure to date. For more on continuing Enron Cover Up, and potential linkages to our missing money see "Enron: The Anatomy of a Cover-Up," Dennis Bernstein interview with Catherine Austin Fitts, KPFA, 3/12/02 and "The Real Deal About Enron," Daniel Armstrong interview with Catherine Austin Fitts, January 2003.

Congressional Oversight Committees

- Senate Governmental Affairs


- House Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations

Who Engineers the Deals in Washington

--and Make Sure We Help Get Our Money Back From Them Too

- Biggest Donors by Industry: www.opensecrets.org/industries/index.asp

- Top 20 Washington Law Firms: Revenues and Profits:
  And Profits Per Partner, 2001 www.law.com/special/professionals/chart_top_20_dc.html

  from "2000 EDITION - Influence, Inc., The bottom line on Washington lobbying":

  - Top Washington Lobbyists: www.opensecrets.org/pubs/lobby00/lobby.asp
  - Top Buyers of Lobbying Services: www.opensecrets.org/pubs/lobby00/topspenders.asp
Stop watching the TV stations owned by the government contractors (and their investors) who control the computer, accounting & payment systems at the missing money agencies:

- Who Controls the Media? www.nowfoundation.org/communications/tv/mediacontrol.html

Get Your Money Back Campaign 2002 Pictures

Are your congressman and senators telling you to tell your children to just say not to drugs and yes to paying for more federal enforcement? Print out these pictures, take them to your local campaign stop and local party meetings and tell your congressman and senators and party officials to learn how to say no to Wall Street, The New York Federal Reserve Bank, government contractors corporations and their investors.

- The Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange Says YES with a Full Body Hug:
  "NYSE’s Richard Grasso and the Ultimate New Business ‘Cold Call'"
  www.ratical.org/co-globalize/narcoDollars.html#p1d

- Sundance Film Festival Award for Best On-Line Video on Who Is Pushing Illegal Drugs to Our Kids: "Crack the CIA", www.guerrillanews.com/crack/

Other Federal and Place Based Financial Information


- FirstGov (Umbrella Website for Federal & State and Local Websites -- Including Links to Individual Agency Inspector General Sites with Individual Agency Annual Audits and Performance and Material Weakness Reports) firstgov.gov

- General Accounting Office (Congressional Auditor) www.gao.gov

- Bureau of Economic Analysis www.bea.gov

- Methods to Determine Whether State and Local Governments Have Surpluses of Your Tax Dollars www.cafrman.com

- Walter Burien’s Links (CAFR) to Information on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports members.aol.com/_ht_a/cafr1/CAFR.html

- CSU Northridge Community Information by Zip Code library.csun.edu/mfinley/zipstats.html

- U.S. Census Bureau www.census.gov
Fed Stats - gateway to statistics from over 100 U.S. Federal agencies www.fedstats.gov
FinanceNet financial Community (discontinued - has other links here) financenet.gov
County Business Patterns (U.S. Census Bureau) http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html
State Projects from the Center For Public Integrity (50 states on line) www.50statesonline.org

Tax Information

- Tax Protest:
  - Taxableincome.net seeks to expose and ultimately to end the massive fraud regarding the federal income tax
  - Theft by Deception - Deciphering the Federal Income Tax by Larkin Rose

- Internal Revenue Service: www.irs.gov
- United States Code: www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/

Selected Articles/Transcripts on the Missing Money and Related Government Contractors

- "$1/2 Trillion Federal Deficit for Fiscal 2000," by John Crudele

- The Kelly O'Meara "Missing Money" Series (Insight Magazine):
  - "Why is $59 Billion Missing from HUD?," 6 Nov 2000
  - "Cuomo leaves HUD in Shambles," 9 Feb 2001
  - "A Financial Fiasco is in the Making," 30 Jul 2001
  - "The Government Fails Fiscal-Fitness Test," 29 Apr 2002
  - "Total Lack of Trust," 27 Aug 2001
  - "Wasted Riches," 28 Sep 2001
  - "Bureaucrats Circle Their Wagons," 7 Dec 2001
  - "DynCorp Disgrace," 14 Jan 2001
  - "Broken Wings," 8 Apr 2002
  - "What Does It Take to Lose a Contract?," 25 Feb 2001


- "The Hijackers of Harvard: A Name and Address," by Catherine Austin Fitts, 10 Feb 2002

- "Enron: Let’s Play 20 Questions," by Catherine Austin Fitts, 24 Jan 2002

For summary national show on Enron Cover Up start 17 minutes in on February 28th

Transcript of the summary national show

Internet Real Audio of Gold Anti-Trust Action (GATA)
Speech at the National Press Club, 12 Feb 2002

Gold Anti-Trust Action (GATA): www.gata.org


Selected articles on the IRS commissioner’s special deal to keep stock in HUD contractor who is the leading provider of financial software to the federal government and the agency’s missing money.

"Federal Lawsuit Adds to AMS Woes
Company Also Faces Trouble in Ohio, Vermont,"
by Patience Wait, Washington Technology, 30 Jul 2001

"A Taxing Dilemma," by John Berlau, Insight Magazine

"IRS Chief on the Take: Charles Rossotti gets Kickbacks," by Uri Dowbenko

The Big Picture -- Earth at Night, 10 August 2002

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No one ever ensured their family’s safety and freedom by voting for and donating to government leaders who rose to power by stealing our money and enjoying the profits from drug sales to our children.

No one ever ensured their family’s safety and freedom by purchasing from or depositing and investing with banking and corporate leaders who financed their market share by stealing our private pension and public money and enjoying the profits from drug sales to our children.

No one ever ensured their family’s safety and freedom by watching broadcasters or reading editors and journalists who stood silent or afraid in complicit support.

--Catherine Austin Fitts, Solari

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http://www.ratical.org/co-globalize/savingTenn.html