

To the Editor:

Regarding your recent editorial, "Musgrove: Ahead of his time or just misguided?," I would like to provide the readers in the Adams County area with the facts regarding Governor Musgrove's recent proposal to address the Medicaid shortfall by having companies that pay more than \$20,000 in taxes a month change to a weekly electronic payment.

Contrary to what Tax Commissioner Ed Buelow may say, Governor Musgrove's proposal was crafted with the assistance of the Tax Commission and the Department of Finance and Administration. We used conservative estimates; the same estimates provided to House Ways and Means Chairman Billy McCoy that showed collections under the plan would amount to a one-time inflow of approximately \$119 million.

On Monday, February 4, the Ways and Means Committee agreed with Governor Musgrove and adopted his proposal. Chairman McCoy said "this is good business and it's the state's money." Are you going to say their action was "severely flawed?"

Governor Musgrove has always called for conservative budgeting and fiscal responsibility, and this proposal is in line with that call. You say on this issue that the Governor is either ahead of his time or misguided; according to the facts and the House Ways and Means Committee, he is ahead of his time.

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