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## **This is no April Fool's joke – Taxpayers kicked out of the House**

Last evening during the public hearing on the proposed abolishment of federal deductibility, the people who attended were given the boot, literally. It was gratifying to see both balconies filled with people who came to the House to hear the speakers. Patrick Murphy, the House Speaker didn't like the taxpayers expressing their contempt for his efforts to raise taxes on Iowans and when they clapped and expressed support for some speakers and opposition to others, he kicked them out of the balconies, escorted by the State Patrol.

I saw many people from Dallas County at the hearing. Thank you to those who took the time to come. One of the best lines of the evening was from a speaker who commented after the balconies were cleared that it was the first time he saw the tenants kick out the landlord!!

A special thanks goes to Chad Airhart, Executive Director of the Waukee Chamber who took a turn to support the taxpayers of Waukee in asking that this tax increase on young homeowners not be passed.

This event last night even made the Drudge Report. Their website took viewers to the Des Moines register article. Here are some links you might want to see how the nation viewed this event last night.

<http://www.kcci.com/video/19060487/index./index.html>

<http://www.thebeanwalker.com/>

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20090331/news/90331051>

Next Legislative Forum: Saturday April 4, Waukee City Hall, 9:30 am