

Every month, I try to provide an update on the economy. In most instances, I receive a very positive response from my various readers. They indicate, that;

- I provide them with precise information;
- It is very direct information;
- They find the information to be refreshing, since they are able to utilize this information to improve their business.

Once in a while, I receive an email, or a telephone call disagreeing with my opinion, and that is what makes the world go round. Everyone is entitled to their opinion.

- The one that I laugh at quite a bit is an individual that said, "The world is coming to an end, jump off a bridge."

When I write these newsletters, the information is extracted a substantial amount of statistical data that my research department is formulated.

I provide these newsletters, for one basic reason, to provide you with adequate information, so that you can adjust the market.

- Trucking is a "pennies" business and;
- You need to look under every rock to save every penny.

I criticize the government for not taking care of business, and I always receive an email or two, indicating that is un-American. I am as Patriotic as the next person, but I am also a business man and an analyst, and what I am trying to tell people is that;

- Is not ran as a business,
- The government is going to continue to flounder, and;
- We are going to continue to suffer.

Let me provide you with some statistics, this was in the Arizona Republic, Wednesday 21, 2011 edition. The title was, "Justice Audit – Wasteful Spending", without boring you with all the details an audit was made of the expenses of the Justice Department and there were some glaring wasteful spending;

- \$400 for a legendary hammer.
- \$600 for a toilet seat, I know it sounds funny but its \$600 for a toilet seat.

It went on to say that the justice department's inspector general reviewed entertainment expenses and found the following at numerous department functions.

- Beef Wellington horsd-oeuvres - \$7.32 per serving;
- Cracker Jax – popcorn and candy snack - \$32.00 per serving;

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- Coffee costing more than \$1 per oz (making a single cup \$8.24);
- And oh, yes, there were the \$16 muffins;

These \$16 muffins were served at a 2009 legal training conference in Washington, by the Justice's Executive Office for Immigration review. The report goes on to describe for \$4200, the money was spent on:

- 250 muffins;
- 2080 in cookies and;
- \$300 on brownies;
- That is nearly \$10 each, which is very costly.

In all the report said, was that it hosted and participated in 1832 conferences, in 2008 and 2009 and at a cost of \$121MM;

These excerpts were taken directly taken from the AZ Republic. It is not something that I dreamed of or embellished, but these are the facts.

The point, I am making is that:

- Our deficit continues to increase;
- Our only solution seems to be raise taxes, raise taxes, raise taxes.

When a business is struggling and a business scan cash flow and service its debt, they look for reductions, and I am not talking about reductions that simply affect employees, I am talking about very deep cuts within the companies organization and we are not seeing that. Even the jobless recoveries are the 1990's and