

brought it up, that even convicted felons can continue to collect pensions from the hapless taxpayers!

On taxes (in addition to fees), Kaza is particularly effective, since he is a member of the House Taxation Committee. Kaza led the charge in battling against a bill raising income taxes by 30 percent, losing by 11 to 6 in committee, but helping to force the pro-taxers to pass a substitute compromise bill. On the floor of the House, Kaza co-sponsored the Kaza-Jaye amendment to roll back 1993 property assessments to the rise in the consumer price index (2.9 percent). One way of sneakily raising taxes, of course, is to raise assessments, and some Michigan communities raised property assessments by over 20 percent during 1993. The Kaza-Jaye amendment won handily by 58 to 43; unfortunately, this amendment was later stripped from the bill in a bipartisan compromise.

On other measures, Kaza heroically pushed the envelope. Thus, he was one of only four representatives to vote against increased pensions for state employees. Then, in another issue which should ring bells among Michigan voters, Greg Kaza introduced an amendment to strip \$1.2 million in tax dollars "for the college education of maximum security prisoners," in the supplemental appropriations bill for 1992-1993. Good God! Over a million dollars to provide college education for maximum security prisoners! The Engler machine, responsible for this outrage, helped deny Kaza's request for a roll-

call vote on the issue, after which his amendment failed on a voice vote by the cowardly legislators. Why not save the taxpayers the money and simply grant every rapist and murderer in Michigan prisons an immediate Ph.D? That, along with convicting police for attempting to do their duty (as in Los Angeles) should assuage the "rage" of the "community" and buy off some riots! After this fiasco, Kaza fought until the end, being one of 11 Representatives to vote against the entire supplemental appropriations bill.

Bravo Greg! And the next time Governor Engler appears on one of his handpicked stages, such as the Kempians Empower America of which he is a leader, why doesn't someone ask him about his support for free college education for rapists and murders? It would be interesting to see how this "conservative" or "progressive conservative" or whatever he calls himself these days, will reply. ■

On "Taking Responsibility" For Waco

by M.N.R.

I see that Attorney-General Reno and President W. J. Clinton are loudly "taking responsibility," even "taking full responsibility," for the massacre at Waco. I've often wondered: what exactly is "taking responsibility" supposed to *mean* these days? Does it mean that we

get to string them up for mass murder? Or what? ■

On The King Beating Trial: A Note

by M.N.R.

Most Boring Non-News Headline (and TV shows) of the Year: "LA Awaits Trial Verdict."

Best Comment on the 2nd Trial Verdict (by an old friend): "Well, I guess we should be grateful that they didn't have to try [Koon and Powell] five times before they got a guilty verdict."

And whatever happened to the ban in the Bill of Rights against double jeopardy? ■

Stealing the Pennies Off Dead Men's Eyes

by Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.

When I think of taxes, I remember the old Jack Benny radio routine. A thief stops Benny on the street, points a gun at him, and demands, "Your money or your life." After a long pause, the famously frugal comedian says, "I'm thinking, I'm thinking!"

When the tax police take more of our money, so that the government has more to waste and do damage with, it also takes a little of our life, for this is the fruit of our labor. We might