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*What Would Assembly Democrats Do If Governor Christie Wasn't Blocking Their Obsession With Raising Taxes? The Last 868 Days Offer Some Hints*

*"We've seen this movie before. They raised taxes and fees 115 times in eight years. That's a tax or fee increase every 25 days. ... Here's the thing with Assembly Democrats, they're **obsessed** with raising taxes."  
– Governor Chris Christie, Garfield Town Hall, May 2, 2012*

### IMAGINE THE LAST TWO YEARS IF ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS HAD THEIR WAY...

**February 2010: Assembly Democrats Raise Taxes And Fees To Close \$2.2 Billion Budget Shortfall For Fiscal Year 2010.**

**March 2010: Assembly Democrats Allow Municipalities To Begin Collecting- Their Own Income Or Sales Taxes.** (Lisa Fleisher & Matt Friedman, "N.J. lawmakers say towns should set sales, income taxes to ease high property taxes," *The Star-Ledger*, 5/25/10)

**May 2010: Assembly Democrats Raise The Gas Tax By Up To \$2.4 Billion.** (A2718, Introduced, 5/13/10)

**May 20, 2010: Assembly Democrats Raise Income Taxes.** (A10, Passed Assembly: 46-32, 5/20/10)

**June 2010: Assembly Democrats Raise More Taxes To Close \$11 Billion Budget Shortfall.** ("Governor Christie Signs Historic FY2011 Budget Closing \$11 Billion Shortfall Without Raising Taxes," Press Release, 6/29/10)

**June 23, 2011: Assembly Democrats Block Pension And Benefits Reform Costing Taxpayers \$120 Billion Over The Next 30 Years.** (S2937, Passed Assembly: 46-32-1; 6/23/11)

**June 2012: Assembly Democrats Refuse To Cut Taxes As New Jersey Continues To Have The Highest State And Local Tax Burden In The Nation.** ("State-Local Tax Burdens and Ranks by State, 2009," The Tax Foundation, 2/23/11)

***Or Maybe Assembly Democrats Would Just Continue Their Pace Of A Tax Or Fee Increase EVERY 25 DAYS.***

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