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Taxpayer Funded Politicians: Barbara Flynn Currie

Barbara Flynn Currie, Democrat from the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, was a Madigan lapdog from January 1979 to her taxpayer-subsidized retirement at the end of the 2018 legislative year.

“Barbara F. Currie was horrible for taxpayers,” said Jim Tobin, economist and president of Taxpayers United of America (TUA). “There was never a year during which she acted in the interest of taxpayers, and I have her voting record to prove it.”

“During Currie’s term in the 95th Illinois General Assembly, she voted for HJRCA42, which would have doubled the income tax for high earners and paved the way for other tax increases.”

“Currie also voted for HB656, remembered as the great Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bailout. It was set to raise taxes by \$550 million without local referendum. It raised sales taxes ~~from where they were~~ by 200% in the collar counties, and 25% in cook county. It also raised Chicago’s real estate transfer tax by 40%, then the highest for its kind for such a large city.”

“The same year, Currie voted for SB837, Chicago’s 911 surcharge tax. The tax ~~at the time~~ doubled the tax surcharge for 911 calls placed in the city from \$1.25 to \$2.50. It was designed at the time to rake in \$8 million from taxpayers to fund non-infrastructure projects and vague ‘anti-terror’ projects.”

“As a reward for a career dedicated to stealing from taxpayers, Barbara Flynn Currie receives a General Assembly Retirement System pension subsidized by taxpayers of an estimated \$129,957 a year. This amount will grow at a compounded rate of 3% every year so long as she is eligible for the pension.”

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