

Hansen leads Capitol rally against withholding tax

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About 200 credit union representatives, including two from Idaho, were on hand for a Tuesday morning rally on the steps of the U.S. Capitol protesting the 10 percent withholding tax on people's savings, dividends and interest.

U.S. Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, one of the rally's leaders, spoke briefly and urged repeal of the law, which is scheduled to go into effect July 1.

Among those from Idaho attending were Darrell Tanner, head of the Atomic Workers Credit Union in Idaho Falls, one of the main speakers; and Allen Cameron, Boise credit union officer.

Hansen said the impromptu rally in Washington was called by the nation's credit union officials in connection with its national convention there this week.

"We are getting increasing protests against this law," said Hansen in a telephone call to The Post-Register from his Washington office.

Hansen said there are more than 60 bills in the House and several more in the Senate call-

ing for repeal of the law. Hansen said his bill, HB 169, was the fourth one placed in the House hopper.

When told that both House Speaker Tip O'Neill, D-Mass., and Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn, had predicted efforts to repeal would fail, Hansen said "they don't know how strong this movement is. It is gaining support throughout the nation."

Hansen said he organized three rallies in opposition to the bill last month, in Washington, Boise and Idaho Falls, where all financial institutions united in opposition, including banks, credit unions, savings associations and others.

Several representatives were on hand at the Washington rally, including Bill Dannemire, R-Calif.; Glen Anderson, D-Calif.; Sam Hall, D-Texas; Norman D'Amours, D-N.H., and others.

"We are finding even more support for this than the opposition to the Gun Control Act which I believe was the previous strongest movement," said Hansen.