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Idaho's Republicans

U.S. REP. GEORGE V. HANSEN and Sens. Steve D. Symms and James A. McClure, from left, along with Rep. Larry Craig, make up the all Republican delegation from Idaho. This is

the first time in 50 years the delegation consists of entirely of one party.

Hansen will talk on IRS abuses on CBS program

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Rep. George V. Hansen, R-Idaho, whose forte is fighting the federal bureaucracy, will level another blast Sunday at one of his favorite targets — the Internal Revenue Service.

He will appear on "60 Minutes" Sunday at 6 p.m. to talk on a revised version of his book, "How the IRS Seizes Your Dollars and How to Fight Back." It is to be carried over Channel 3 in Idaho Falls.

Hansen joined with an associate, Larrey Hansen, to write this 222-page paperback book. Just a week ago, he sent letters to members of Congress informing them of what he called IRS abuses and that he would appear on the CBS program.

He mentioned IRS agents had planned an armed warrantless shakedown of some 200 homes in St. Anthony but this was called off at the last minute because the agents' union complained to Washington that it would endanger the agents safety.

He then mentioned that he caught "the IRS illegally leaking tax information against political figures for the purpose of affecting the outcome of elections, adding "the information was manufactured and false.

He urged his colleagues to watch the program, not because he is being interviewed on the segment but "because it might give you some small idea of the dimensions of the problems. The public is enraged, cynical and hostile over IRS abuses."

He explained he has introduced House Resolution 4931, the Taxpayer Protection Act, which puts a stop to the extra-legal cloak and dagger operations and reduces the IRS to those collection techniques available to other government and non-governmental creditors.

He said a companion bill, HR 4821, the Tax Simplification Act, calls for a return to a single rate taxation of personal income at the rate of 14 percent, with the current basic exemptions and with deductions for only religious and catastrophic medical purposes.

Hansen said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House ways and means oversight subcommittee has promised hearings on his complaints against IRS abuses, with support from the chairmen of the full committee and the select revenue measures subcommittee, as well as key Republican members, and other key committees.