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Boosting business

BOISE — Luke Williams, Spokane, chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, center, urged both business and government efficiency in a talk to Idaho chambers of commerce, at Boise last week. At left is the master of ceremonies, J. A. "Sandy" Emerson, Coeur d'Alene, Chamber of Commerce executive vice president and manager, and right, Gov. John V. Evans, who also spoke.

Chamber talk urges better management

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BOISE — Efficient management in both business and state government was urged by Luke Williams, Spokane, chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, at the annual Idaho chambers of commerce banquet here last week.

Speaking to nearly 300 delegates and guests of the 23 Idaho chambers, including 85 legislators, Williams said the "Legislature must insist on efficient management if government is to survive, just as does business."

According to a press release, he said the recession is temporary, and that any broadbased tax imposed should carry a Sunset clause to terminate it when economic conditions improve.

Williams also argued that the present unemployment problem will be corrected with economic recovery.

"The policies of President Reagan have been helpful in controlling inflation and lowering the interest rate," he said.

Gov. John V. Evans declared the Idaho story must be told to encourage business to expand and come to Idaho.

J. A. "Sandy" Emerson, Coeur d'Alene, executive vice president and manager of the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce, said economic incentives include aiding local government by removing the current 5 percent tax increase limitation; revising the 50-50 residential tax exemption initiative or business will move out of Idaho; funding and support for education; and endorsing the 2 percent motel-hotel tax which is greatly helping the Idaho tourism industry.

Bill Byrne, Pocatello, chamber leader, also sharply criticized the 50-50 tax initiative.

An Idaho Falls chamber delegation of 30 headed by Tim Hopkins, president. The Idaho Falls leaders came primarily to promote bringing the multi billion dollar New Production Reactor to INEL.

Leanne Lee, Miss Idaho Falls, helped the Idaho Falls chamber in greeting guests and was introduced at the meeting.