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On Wed, 19 Mar 2008 21:55:03 +0000, royls wrote:

On Wed, 19 Mar 2008 11:20:49 GMT, "Dan in Philly" <djr8@xxxxxxx> wrote:

"PeterBP" <ask@xxxxxxx> wrote in message ...

Why are contractual arrangements regarding land supposed to be more difficult to obscure than any others?

Because you cant hide land itself like you can with say a PC?

His point is that you can hide the *value* of land. Instead of selling you a piece of land for \$500,000, I can officially sell it to you for \$100,000 and secretly give you \$400,000. So the land tax will be based on the \$100,000 number.

All that would do is succeed in getting your competitors' land taxes lowered.

If we are speaking of the "single tax" then it also results in government going broke and the end of land deed enforcement by government. The result of such shenanigans would seem to be an increase in the tax rate or a better assessment of the taxed "value". Sales price is NOT value. Use value is the only real value.

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"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and

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if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education." – Thomas Jefferson

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