

Business lobbyists back tax



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LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Big business has agreed to tax itself to pay for a better trained workforce.

Business lobbies on Thursday threw their support behind plans to raise the corporate income tax to fund a restructure of Arkansas' vocational education system.

The House took care of a technicality and sent a \$71 million fuel tax bill to Gov. Bill Clinton. He didn't sign it, delaying a 5-cent-a-gallon increase in the gasoline tax and 2-cent-a-gallon increase in the diesel tax for a month.

Regardless, the diesel tax goes up 4 cents today under a bill Clinton signed a week ago to repeal the state tax on heavy trucks.

The Arkansas Chamber of Commerce and the Arkansas Poultry Federation committed their powerful lobbying resources to a corporate tax

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