

Nevada GOP confronted with taxing choice in primary

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CARSON CITY – Rarely have Nevada Republican voters had such clear choices about the future of their party as they do in Tuesday's primary election.

On one side is Gov. Brian Sandoval and the GOP state lawmakers who stood with him on the 2015 budget, which included \$1.5 billion in new and continuing taxes aimed primarily at funding public education.

Their support in the Assembly and Senate was crucial to getting the two-thirds vote needed to pass the omnibus tax measure, which included a new commerce tax now being implemented on businesses that earn \$4 million or more in revenue.

On the other side are anti-tax Republicans who are outraged that the party, which controlled the governor's office and both houses of the Legislature for the first time since 1929, failed to enact a stronger GOP agenda.

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