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Democratic Federal Budget Calls for Tax Hikes

Today, staff writer Ken Berry covers the **Senate-approved federal budget**, which is a far cry from the House plan authored by Budget Committee Chair Paul Ryan. The Senate's budget calls for a \$975 billion tax hike over a ten-year span, in addition to imposing state sales tax collections on online sales. Meanwhile, the IRS announced the **nationwide expansion of its identity theft program**. The program enables local law enforcement agencies to obtain the tax return data they need to help the IRS investigate and prosecute those involved in tax-related identity theft.

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→ [Federal Budget Talks Focus On – What Else? – Taxes](#)

At the very least, key members of the House and Senate are talking to each other about the federal budget. But talk – unlike the mounting debt of the country – is cheap.



→ [Survey Reveals Taxpayers Who Procrastinate Pay 33 Percent More than Early Filers](#)

Taxpayers who procrastinate getting their returns prepared or who file for an extension will pay about one-third more in tax preparation fees than those who filed in January or February.



→ [IRS Expands Law Enforcement Assistance Program on Identity Theft Nationwide](#)

As part of its growing efforts to stanch identity theft crime, the IRS announced the nationwide expansion of its program designed to help state and local law enforcement agencies obtain tax return data needed for their local efforts in investigating and prosecuting thieves.



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