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STATE OF WISCONSIN

IN COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT IV

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OF WISCONSIN

JACQUELINE J. UPHOFF,

Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

Respondent.

APPEAL from a judgment of the circuit court for Dane county: P. CHARLES JONES, Judge. Modified and affirmed.

Before Gartzke, P.J., Dykman and Sundby, JJ.

PER CURIAM. Jacqueline Uphoff appeals a judgment that upheld a decision of the Wisconsin Tax Appeals Commission. The Commission upheld a \$9,320 assessment by the Department of Revenue for Uphoff's failure to file income tax returns for the years 1978-82. She contends that the assessment violated her constitutional rights, in effect made something other than gold and silver coin legal tender, contravened 31 U.S.C. s. 742, and erroneously covered only a three year period rather than a five year period. We modify

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We reject her constitutional arguments. Article VIII, secs. I and 5 of the Wisconsin Constitution authorize an income tax. Uphoff's status as a "sovereign citizen" provides her no immunity. The tax does not violate religious freedom. Autenrieth v. Cullen, 418 F.2d 586, 588 (9th Cir. 1969). Her right to privacy has never been recognized to preclude taxation. The tax does not violate the ninth amendment by infringing on rights reserved to the people. The right to avoid taxation was not reserved.

The tax assessment does not violate the law regarding legal tender. Federal reserve notes are legal tender, because Congress, not Wisconsin, has made that so.

Kauffman v. Citizens State Bank of Loyal, 102 Wis.2d 528,
533, 307 N.W.2d 325, 328 (Ct. App. 1981).

31 U.S.C. s.742 prohibits a state tax on United States obligations. The state tax was applied to income Uphoff earned, not on United States obligations.

The tax appeals commission erroneously stated that the \$9,280 assessment was based on Uphoff's failure to file

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returns for the years 1979-81. She actually failed to file for five years: 1978-82. The amount of the assessment was nonetheless correct. We modify the judgment of the trial court to modify the decision of the commission.

By the Court.--The judgment is modified to modify the decision of the commission to reflect that the \$9,280 assessment is for the five year period 1978-82. The judgment is affirmed as modified.

Publication in the official reports is not recommended.