"Don't Tax You, Don't Tax Me, Tax That Fella Behind the Tree!"

Sen. Russell B. Long

No tax, …then… → Government creates a new (low) tax → Lobbyists get tax exemptions (loophole) for their client$ → Gov increases tax rates to cover revenue lost to loophole → Lobbyists get new and improved loophole → Gov introduces "Progressive" tax rates chase lost revenue → "Tax advisors" get rich teaching tax avoidance → Some taxpayers push the limits, and are anxious → Some of them go too far → IRS goes for "heavy hitters" of the loophole → Audits, lawsuits, settlements, tax court → **New taxes**