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TUCCILLE ROASTS "HOT DOG TAX" AT CITY HALL

"An American institution is under attack--by our own government," says Jerry Tuccille. "The hot dog, that ubiquitous snack of baseball games, street corners and amusement parks, is being taxed into oblivion by New York City."

Tuccille, candidate for governor on the Free Libertarian Party ticket, plans to stage a protest against such nuisance taxes at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, 26 September, in front of City Hall. Manning a hot dog vendor's cart, Tuccille will dispense franks to patriotic onlookers and reporters free of charge.

The so-called "hot dog tax" was enacted by the New York State legislature several sessions back. Prior to this act, prepared food under a dollar was not subject to a city sales tax. The new legislation lifted this prohibition; from then on, sales tax became mandatory for a hot dog, a cup of coffee, and every other light snack.

The legislation has been attacked by a number of groups, but all protests to date have been futile.

"In this time of rising food prices," says the candidate, "government should not be adding to the economic burdens of lower- and middle-income consumers. The abolition of this tax would result in a substantial reduction in the cost of an item that has become a staple for many poor and hurried workers in New York City."

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