

# Ford Pays Up

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As the price of being nominated vice president, Representative Gerald Ford (Rep.-Mich.), has had to pay \$435.77 in taxes because the Internal Revenue Service disallowed a business deduction of \$871.44 for clothes he bought to attend the 1972 GOP national convention.

After Ford was nominated October 10, the Senate Rules Committee ordered an IRS audit of his income tax returns for the last six years.

Ford had written off the cost of the convention clothes as a business expense and the IRS ruled the deduction invalid. But the \$435.77 Ford paid in additional taxes included no penalty.

According to one committee Republican, Ford insisted that the deduction was valid, but finally decided to pay the assessment lest it hold up the vote on his nomination as vice president. The IRS received his check November 9.

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