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**Ex-Sen. Keller**  
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**Is Fined \$5,000.**  
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**for Tax Offense**

Former State Sen. James R. Keller was fined \$5,000 Tuesday for filing a false federal income tax return.

U.S. District Judge Miles Lord said he spared Keller a jail sentence because Keller is suffering from an advanced stage of diabetes.

He placed him on two years probation on the condition that Keller expedite settlement of his tax liabilities for 1963 through 1965.

Keller pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to report \$3,940 on his 1963 return.

Keller, a Winona Conservative served in the Legislature from 1948 until 1962. He later became a lobbyist for the trucking industry.