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American Speedy founder settles tax dispute

WASHINGTON — After unusually slow negotiations, **American Speedy Printing Inc.** founder Vernon Buchanan had his tax bill slashed almost 75 percent.

Buchanan, who founded Troy-based American Speedy in 1976, and the **Internal Revenue Service** agreed on a \$1.26 million payment in additional 1993 taxes instead of the \$4.76 million the IRS sought.

"I guess we're satisfied with it," said Neal Nusholtz, a Bingham Farms tax attorney for Buchanan. "It's significantly less than what

the government was proposing. The taxpayer has to pay the correct tax. ... I think it's the correct tax."

American Speedy, now known as **Allegra Holdings L.L.C.**, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 1992. It has since emerged and is under new ownership.

The dispute centered on IRS rulings that Buchanan, now a Ford dealer in Sarasota, Fla., had taxable income from a \$12.4 million canceled debt and could not deduct a \$1.6 million business loss.