

year-old young man. But think of what that means if our taxes are transparent. That young man is going to grow up to be a conservative. He's going to put fewer demands on government. He's going to demand one thing—less taxes, less services. We're going to want to have more personal and individual responsibility, and we're going to let people provide for their own security in a lot of ways and achieve on their own. That is a cultural transformation that comes if you have a transparent tax and if you take the tax and stop punishing productivity and put it on consumption.

Mr. WOODALL. Well, I would say to my friend, you talk about cultural transformation, I would tell you that transformation is actually taking us back to that entrepreneurial, self-reliant experience that America began as a Nation. This business of hiding taxes and trying to make people think they're getting something for nothing, that's a relatively new experience in American culture, and it has transformed this country.

I'm big on saying you've got to have skin in the game. To make good decisions you have to have skin in the game. Right now, 50 percent of the American population isn't paying any income taxes. They don't think they have skin in the game. Now, they do because they're paying tax in all of these hidden consumption opportunities that you and I are talking about, but they vote as if they're getting something for free.

And as a Nation, if we're going to make responsible decisions—particularly as it comes to borrowing from our children and our grandchildren—we have to let Americans know what they are really paying for the size and scope of government. And that's not to say they can't say, I understand how much I'm paying and I'm willing to pay even more, or I hate how much I'm paying and I'm going to pay less. But it will absolutely bring us away from a culture that believes there is a free lunch and back to a culture that understands that decisions have consequences and that there is no taxpayer in America except for we, the American consumers.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOODALL. I'm happy to yield.

Mr. KING of Iowa. History is replete with the Founding Fathers, literary giants of the time, philosophers of the time, who looked at the Greek democracy and they were appalled at what it had produced. They produced for us a republic instead. But many of them spoke eloquently about what happens when the public would realize that a majority of them could vote themselves benefits from the public treasury. Some of them said democracy ceases to exist; some of them said that will destroy our republic. But I want to guess that most of the people that were providing the wisdom at the time commented on their fear that this country

would move towards a majority voting themselves benefits from the public treasury.

So that is one of the reasons that we have a Republic instead of a democracy is because those of us who are elected as representatives of the citizens of the Republic are to have a higher responsibility than to listen to, let's say, people who want the fruits of someone else's labor and don't want to labor themselves.

And so we're at this situation now where, in the early part of this country, there was a policy that you had to be a land-owning male of age and other qualifications in order to vote because they wanted the public policy to be established by people that had skin in the game. And today we saw a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget fail here on the floor of the House of Representatives. I'd like to have seen a stronger one, but it failed here on the floor of the House. And that was a constitutional amendment with a cap at 18 percent of GDP and a supermajority to raise taxes.

Put some of that philosophy back in where it requires a supermajority to raise taxes, there is a restraint there that brings back some of that philosophy that helps offset the disadvantage that the working American has today who's paying those taxes. Your barber is at a disadvantage because some of the hair that he cuts is of people that aren't working. I'd say at least one out of every three heads of hair that your barber cuts is somebody that is in that role of 100 million Americans of working age who are not in the workforce, many of them are voting, they are voting themselves benefits from the public trough.

And I'd suggest that we take the tax off of productivity in America, stop punishing production, put it over on consumption. And I'm just looking around for a bill number that I could attach myself to because I'm drawing a blank.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank my friend.

You're absolutely right. When I talk to young people—I try to get out to the middle schools and high schools in my district every week when we have time back home—I say, I've got a \$10-an-hour job in my congressional office. Who wants to come to work for me? Who wants to come to work for me? And I just gave a powerful presentation about how you can come here and return America to its foundational roots. All the hands go up. And I say, now, just to be clear, though, we're going to have to put a \$9 income tax on that \$10 an hour, so you're only going to be able to take home \$1 at the end of the day. Now, who wants to come work 80 hours a week for me? And all of the hands go down.

The power to tax is the power to destroy, and we use that power here. With all due respect to our colleagues on both sides of the aisle, the Fair Tax that I supported—that you were such a strong supporter of—it has detractors

on both sides of the aisle, because what the Fair Tax says is we're not going to manipulate your behavior through the Tax Code anymore. Because the Tax Code allows us to say, if you buy wool sweaters, we're going to give you a tax credit; if you buy polyester sweaters, we're going to take taxes away from you. If you go out and buy Levi's jeans, we're going to give you a tax credit; if you go out and buy Lee jeans, we're going to take taxes away from you.

Over and over and over again we decide who's supposed to win and who's supposed to lose, and we punish or reward the American people and the American small business environment through the Tax Code. And what you and I have said in the Fair Tax is, I don't want that power in Washington. I give that power back to the American people. You choose what kind of jeans you want to wear. You choose what kind of sweater you want to buy. You choose whether you want a golf cart or not.

We are not in the business of picking winners and losers. We're in the business of raising as little revenue as is necessary to run this Federal Government. And that takes power away from this body right here. And it is only those folks who believe that the American people are still smarter than you and I are who want to return that power. And I thank you for being my partner in that.

Mr. KING of Iowa. And I appreciate the opportunity to be your partner in this.

And I would say to the folks on either side of the argument that disagree, they're both wrong, whether they're from the left or from the right. And the bottom line is this: the Fair Tax does everything good that anybody's tax proposal does that is good; it does them all and it does them all better. And I'm happy to take that debate anywhere in this land and have folks that will try that on and we'll finish second in that debate.

I quickly yield back because the gavel is in the air.

Mr. WOODALL. If the gavel is in the air, I'll just say to the Speaker, if you needed more information, Mr. Speaker, you could find it at www.fairtax.org, or you could visit my Web page at Woodall.house.gov. This really does speak to the challenges of America.

I thank the Speaker for the time, and I thank my friend from Iowa.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 99. An act to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; in addition to the Committee on Science, Space and Technology and the Committee on the Budget for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in

each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1637. An act to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reports that on November 17, 2011, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 2112. Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3930. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Bromeliad Plants in Growing Media From Belgium, Denmark, and the Netherlands [Docket No.: APHIS-2010-0005] (RIN: 0579-AD36) received November 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3931. A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adjustment of Appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2011 Tariff-Rate Quota Year received October 31, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3932. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3933. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Access Authorization Program For Nuclear Power Plants, Regulatory Guide 5.66, Revision 2, received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3934. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facilities, Regulatory Guide

3.39, Revision 1, received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3935. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Notice of Availability of Models for Plant-Specific Adoption of Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-510, Revision 2, "Revision to Steam Generator Program Inspection Frequencies and Tube Sample Selection" Project No. 753 received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3936. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors, Regulatory Guide 1.159, Revision 2, received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3937. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-31, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3938. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-42, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3939. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-37, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3940. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Certain Persons on the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States [Docket No.: 100804325-0351-01] (RIN: 0694-AE97) received October 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3941. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Libya and UNSCR 2009 (RIN: 1400-AC97) received November 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3942. A letter from the Chief Counsel — Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Offering of United States Savings Bonds, Series EE; Regulations Governing Definitive United States Savings Bonds, Series EE and HH; Offering of United States Savings Bonds, Series I received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3943. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — United States — Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (RIN: 1515-AD79) received November 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3012. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 112-292). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. H.R. 10. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, with an amendment (Rept. 112-278, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. PETRI):

H.R. 3473. A bill to provide employment opportunities for veterans in transportation construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 3474. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent fraud and abuse under the Medicare program and to require National Provider Identifiers for reimbursement of prescriptions under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BERG, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. HERGER, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. SCHOCK, and Mr. TIBERI):

H.R. 3475. A bill to protect information received by the Commissioner of Social Security related to deceased individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HANNA (for himself and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 3476. A bill to provide incentives for economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CARTER, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. FLORES, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. OLSON, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. HALL, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. REYES, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Ms. HAYWORTH, Mr. BACA, and Mr. PENCE):