year-old 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 have more people, 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 your say and if you have 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. It's absolutely true that 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 us, the American consumers.

Mr. KING of Iowa. And the gentleman yield?

Mr. WOODALL. I'm happy to yield.

Mr. KING. Mr. WOODALL. 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 ceased to exist; some of them said it would 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 because those of us who are elected as representatives of the citizens of the Republic are to have a high 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 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 prevents the 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 age. And so 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 for a bill number that I could attach myself to because I'm drawing a blank.

Mr. WOODALL. Thank you.

Mr. WOODALL. Thank you. If the gavel is in the air, I quickly yield back because the gavel is in the air.

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

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 desk 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

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SEATLE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 1937. 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 Growers and Growers, 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-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 Elected 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.


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 limitations on family-sponsored immigrants and employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Judiciary.

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); to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.