



Pledge

I, _____, if elected as the congressman from Alabama's 5th Congressional District in 2010, pledge to co-sponsor, support and promote the FairTax Act of 2009, as written in H.R. 25 and any required submittals of the same bill in future congresses, with every reasonable means at my disposal. I further pledge to actively work with Congressman John Linder, author and sponsor of the bill, in educating my constituents and colleagues in congress about the FairTax until enacted into law. The following is my understanding of the act I will be championing:

Fair Tax Act of 2009: General Description

To promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.

FairTax Facts

Repeals *all* forms of income and employment taxes on individuals and corporations.

Re-designates the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Internal Revenue Code of 2009 (or year of passage in a subsequent congress).

Imposes a national sales tax at the point of retail sale on the use or consumption in the United States of taxable property or services.

Sets the sales tax rate at 23% in 2011, with adjustments to the rate in subsequent years.

Allows exemptions from the tax for property or services purchased for business, export, or investment purposes, and for state government functions.

Sets forth rules relating to the collection and remittance of the sales tax and credits and refunds. Allows a monthly sales tax rebate based on household size and the Health and Human Services poverty level values each year for all legal residents with valid social security cards, NOT income.

Grants states the primary authority for the collection of sales tax revenues and the remittance of such revenues to the Treasury.

Sets forth administrative provisions relating to the filing of monthly reports and payments of tax, accounting methods, registration of sellers of goods and services responsible for reporting sales, penalties for noncompliance and collections, appeals, and taxpayer rights.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to allocate sales tax revenues among the general revenue, the old-age and survivor's insurance trust fund, the disability insurance trust fund, the hospital insurance trust fund and the federal supplementary medical insurance trust fund.

Prohibits the funding of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) after FY2013.

Establishes in the Department of the Treasury an Excise Tax Bureau to administer excise taxes not administered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and a Sales Tax Bureau to administer the national sales tax.

Terminates the sales tax imposed by this Act if the Sixteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (authorizing an income tax) is not repealed within seven years after the enactment of this Act.

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