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## FairTax Support Among Grassroots Grows

## CONGRESS COULD LEARN A LOT FROM A BARBER ON MAIN STREET IN WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA

Excerpts from The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, 2/10/00:

"Nick Summers, who has been cutting hair for 30 years, has been doing such a brisk business on Main Street that he recently added a third chair and hired a fourth barber."

"Business has been excellent," he told the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

"Summers, 59, is also more than willing to throw in some extras for the \$8 fee. For starters, you might hear a few new lawyer jokes (there seems to be an endless supply)."

"But now he has a new passion: 'Have you heard about the FairTax movement?' asks Summers, who just happens to have a stack of brochures on the back shelf of his vintage shop."

"Congress is studying it (H.R. 2525) right now," he says. "I think this is the way to go."

"H.R. 2525, which was introduced to Congress in July by Rep. John Linder (R- Ga.), and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), would eliminate the federal income tax, payroll taxes, corporate taxes, self-employment taxes, capital gains taxes and replace them with a 23 percent sales tax. Some residents of Cherokee County have rallied around the cause, including my favorite barber."

"I think it's the most fair system we can come up with," Summers says. "Plus, it would eliminate the IRS."

"It's hard to argue finances with a man who charges \$8 a haircut."

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