



# The FairTax as a disinfectant

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The FairTax(R) bill, HR25, was first presented to Congress in 1999. It is underpinned by several millions of dollars worth of research by some of the best economic minds of our time, including Steven Moore of the Cato Institute, the Archer Study from Princeton, Dale Jorgenson of Harvard, The Heritage Foundation, National Bureau of Economic Research, George Zodrow, Rice University, and Joseph Kahn from MIT.

These organizations were simply asked, what would be the optimum tax system if we were to design one from scratch?

It is now 14 years later and the bill has yet to see the light of day from the House Ways and Means Committee. HR25 consists of 133 pages in its entirety, but one doesn't have to read beyond page 6 to understand why Congress despises it and does its best to cover it up:

Title One: Repeal of the income tax, payroll taxes and estate and gift taxes.

In other words, Congress will no longer be able to create favorable loopholes for special interests in return for campaign contributions. Don't waste your energy trying to tell me this is not what's going on, as practiced by Republicans and Democrats alike.

Congress will never pass the FairTax of its own free will. It is up to us as citizens and voters to make it happen.