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In his 2 years as the chief of staff of the Ways and Means Committee, Phil Moseley has developed a reputation as one of the House's most capable, thoughtful, and politically astute staff members. It's a reputation that is totally deserved. He is person of great intelligence and integrity, and I am sure my Democrat colleagues on the committee will agree that Phil has provided fair and an evenhanded service to all committee members on both sides of the aisle.

Phil's departure leaves me with a great sense of personal sorrow, because he's one of the best friends I've had in my life. We know each other so well that we often know what each other is thinking without having no articulate it. He is leaving some mighty big shoes that no one will be able to fill. I know that everyone on the Ways and Means Committee, both Republicans and Democrats alike, is sorry to lose a person of his integrity and ability.

But as I said, this is also a time of joy. As Phil's close friend, I take great joy in knowing that in leaving the House, he will have more time to spend with Norah and his daughter, Kendall, and his son, Clay. Phil, I will truly miss you. God bless and good fishing, my friend.

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Phil, I will truly miss you. God bless you, and good fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, I want to thank the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER] for the kind words that he had to say about me. I appreciate them.

Second, I want to say that Phil Moseley deserves and has earned all the credit that Mr. ARCHER has paid to him. I have known him not as well and not as long, but I have observed his operation, and he is a very fine individual and has done a fine job for all of us Americans.

Third, I want to say that the motion that Mr. ARCHER has made deserves to be supported here in the House of Representatives because the Constitution, very wisely, placed in the House of Representatives the exclusive right, let me repeat that, the exclusive right to originate tax legislation.

Now, this is not a bad bill that this tax legislation is connected with, and if we blue-slip it back to the Senate, and if they give a hoot about it over there, they will strip out the obnoxious part of the legislation and send it back to us, and then the private corporation that they are setting up can follow the same procedure that every other American corporation can follow by filing with the appropriate people in the United States the necessary forms to be declared tax exempt. Or they can come back to the House of Representatives next year and, if they deserve it, then we will grant them that tax exemption.

But the tax exemption they get in this bill should not be originated in the Senate. It never has been. It is something we have always had to fight in the 218 year history of this Republic.

Every year since I have been here, always on the closing days and in the

closing hours of this Congress, the Senate zaps over one of these little zingers hoping we will swallow them. We never have. We never should. We should defend the rights of the American public by sending this back to the Senate to take out the objectionable, unconstitutional part.

Mr. Speaker, I urge an "aye" vote on the chairman's motion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume simply to say, in reiteration of what the gentleman from Florida has said, let this be the last time in this session that this House needs to spend the time doing what we are doing at this moment. Let this be a signal to the Senate that we will assert over and over again our constitutional prerogatives.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY

Mr. LONGLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 525, the following suspension is expected to be considered today, September 27: S. 1918.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LONGLEY. Mr. Speaker, due to surgery on a herniated disk on Thursday, September 19, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 422, the vote to override the President's veto of legislation to ban partial birth abortions.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative, to override the President's veto.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 4073, by the yeas and nays; and S. 39, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

#### NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4073.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.