

can deduct it in the year of purchase rather than a depreciation schedule where the deduction is reduced by inflation; "FARRM" IRA accounts so, in good years, farmers can put some money aside as a reduction in income and pay taxes on it when they use it in future low-income years; AMT, doing away with it so farmers are not forced to pay taxes when there is no profit. Mr. Speaker, we need the tax relief for farmers. We need to help expand exports. We need to stop other countries from dumping their surplus on our markets. We need a better risk insurance program for crops, and we need an emergency supplemental. We need to help our farmers.

WE NEED TO BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY WITH FEDERAL BUDGET AND SURPLUS

(Mr. HINCHEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1981, then President Reagan pushed through the Congress and then signed a tax cut bill that, in the words of then budget director Dick Stockman, gave us budget deficits as far as the eye could see. Those budget deficits in 1993 approached \$300 billion a year and a national debt approaching \$5 trillion a year.

The Clinton budget resolution of 1993 corrected all of that. We are now moving into a situation of budget surpluses, and we have begun to pay down the national debt. Now, because of that, the Republicans are again proposing another tax cut similar to the one in 1981 which would duplicate that process all over again. It is a serious error which we need to ensure does not take place.

With this tax cut, if it passes and it were to be signed, there would be no money for education, no money for social security, no money for Medicare. Let us make sure we behave in a responsible way with this Federal budget and ensure the future of our children and the security of our parents and grandparents.

ADMINISTRATION MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR LOSING UNCLEAR SECRETS TO CHINA

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, apparently the other side thinks we need a 25 percent tax increase. I would disagree with that. I think we need a tax reduction.

But yesterday, in Georgia, someone won \$116 million for buying a \$2 lottery ticket. That seems like a great exchange. It is. But that is not nearly as good as the deal the Communist Chinese received when they obtained billions of dollars of nuclear weapons se-

crets from our own Department of Energy.

Well, it is not about selling out to the Communist Chinese; it is about the Clinton administration's poor management of our Nation's most important secrets. They knew that the Chinese were obtaining nuclear secrets at the same time they were receiving illegal campaign contributions from the Chinese, and they did nothing.

The administration must be held accountable. We need to eliminate the Department of Energy and transfer all nuclear funds to the Department of Defense where at least they have a culture of keeping secrets.

BRING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LEGISLATION TO THE FLOOR

(Mr. ANDREWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today millions of Americans will go to work and conduct business on the World Wide Web. Millions of Americans will send e-mail messages to each other. Millions of consumers will buy goods and services over the Internet.

But next month, millions of American children will go back to schools that are out of the 1950s where they get half an hour a week on a computer if they are lucky. What is worse than that, there will be students going to schools that were built during the Civil War. There will be children taking gym class in the hallway, children taking reading classes in broom closets.

America's schools need to be modernized. We certainly can take just a piece of the largess of the Federal surplus and invest it back into a quality public school system.

I stand before my colleagues as one of the proud cosponsors of the Democratic school construction legislation. I just signed a petition which said bring that bill to the floor. Give us a vote so we can modernize and improve America's schools.

IT IS TIME FOR RESPONSIBLE TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING AMERICANS

(Mr. COX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, the average middle-class American family earning the median income around \$39,000 a year or so pays over 40 percent of its gross income in taxes. Meanwhile, Washington is taking the highest share of our whole economy in taxes in over two centuries of the Nation's peacetime history.

The tax relief bill passed by this House will help working Americans. But it will first lock away 100 percent of Social Security taxes for retirement security and set aside \$2 trillion for Social Security and Medicare over the next 10 years. It will pay down the na-

tional debt, \$227 billion more in debt relief than the Democratic minority proposal.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for responsible tax relief for working Americans.

SUPPORT SCHOOL MODERNIZATION LEGISLATION

(Mr. HINOJOSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, that we even have to debate the need for school modernization defies logic. Some congressional issues are simply nothing more than common sense, and this issue is one.

For years now, Democrats have been trying to enact a meaningful school modernization initiative. When I came to Congress in 1997, I joined these efforts and cosponsored legislation to address this crisis. But we have been consistently blocked by the majority. America's children are ultimately the victims of this disregard.

It boils down to two crucial points, crumbling schools and overcrowding. Quite simply, our schools are run down and out of room. Conditions are so poor that we would have to spend \$112 billion to make the basic repairs needed.

The Public School Modernization Act of 1999 would help local communities meet that \$122 billion backlog in school modernization needs documented by the nonpartisan General Accounting Office.

Ultimately, it is about ensuring that our children get safe, clean, and modern schools.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any further votes on suspension motions postponed from yesterday.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 366, noes 56, answered "present" 1, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 367]
YEAS—366

Ackerman	Baker	Barr
Allen	Baldacci	Barrett (NE)
Andrews	Baldwin	Barrett (WI)
Archer	Ballenger	Bartlett
Bachus	Barcia	Barton

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Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
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Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggart
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combust
Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Coyle
Cramer
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)

Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoefel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hoolley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)

McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Minge
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Ortiz
Ose
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky

Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher

Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Upton
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters

Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wise
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
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Collins
Combust
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Ewing
Farr
Fletcher
Foley
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrist
Gillmor

McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Minge
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Rahall
Ramstad
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Scarborough
Schaffer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)

NAYS—56

Abercrombie
Aderholt
Baird
Borski
Brown (OH)
Chenoweth
Clay
Condit
Costello
Crane
Crowley
DeFazio
McNulty
Mink
English
Evans
Filner
Green (TX)
Gutierrez
Gutknecht

Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchee
Hoyer
Hutchinson
Johnson, E. B.
Kucinich
Lewis (GA)
LoBiondo
McKinney
McNulty
Mink
Moran (KS)
Oberstar
Olver
Pallone
Peterson (MN)
Pickett

Ramstad
Riley
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Schaffer
Slaughter
Stark
Stupak
Sweeney
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Udall (CO)
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Velazquez
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Visclosky
Weller
Wolf

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Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Weller
Wolf

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—10

Arney
Billbray
Fattah
Jefferson

Lantos
Maloney (NY)
McDermott
Miller, George

Peterson (PA)
Thompson (MS)

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Mr. ABERCROMBIE changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. LARGENT and Mr. REGULA changed their vote from "no" to "aye." So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMERICAN INVENTORS PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1907, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1907, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 376, nays 43, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 368]
YEAS—376

Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Arney
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Ballenger

Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen

Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggart
Bilirakis
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