

Code of 1986, that imposes a new percentage as a rate of tax and thereby increases the amount of tax imposed by any such section; and

(2) a Federal income tax rate increase is retroactive if it applies to a period beginning prior to the enactment of the provision.

HISTORY OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS UNDER DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY

Section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 provides that Congress shall complete action on a concurrent resolution on the budget on or before April 15 of each year. The following table represents the dates of House and final congressional passage of concurrent resolutions on the budget:

<i>Final Congressional Passage of Budget Resolution</i>	<i>House Passage of Budget Resolution</i>
June 29, 1995	May 18, 1995.
May 12, 1994	March 8, 1994.
April 1, 1993	March 15, 1993.
May 21, 1992	March 5, 1992.
May 22, 1991	April 17, 1991.
October 9, 1990	May 1, 1990.
May 18, 1989	May 4, 1989.
June 6, 1988	March 23, 1988.
June 24, 1987	April 9, 1987.
June 27, 1986	May 15, 1986.
August 1, 1985	May 23, 1985.
October 1, 1984	April 5, 1984.
June 23, 1983	March 23, 1983.
June 23, 1982	June 10, 1982.
May 21, 1981	May 7, 1981.
June 21, 1980	May 7, 1980.
May 23, 1979	May 14, 1979.
May 17, 1978	May 10, 1978.
May 17, 1977	May 5, 1977.
April 29, 1976	April 29, 1976.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 950

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 950. My name was inadvertently included as a cosponsor of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOLOMON). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

TAX LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 113, I call up the resolution (H.J. Res. 62) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the House Joint Resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 62 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 62

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

"ARTICLE—

"SECTION 1. A bill to increase the internal revenue shall require for final adoption in each House the concurrence of two-thirds of the whole number of that House, unless that bill is determined at the time of adoption, in a reasonable manner prescribed by law, not to increase the internal revenue by more than a de minimis amount.

"SECTION 2. The Congress may waive the requirements of this article when a declaration of war is in effect. The Congress may also waive this article when the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any increase in the internal revenue enacted under such a waiver shall be effective for not longer than two years.

"SECTION 3. Congress shall enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOLOMON). Pursuant to House Resolution 113, the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, modified by the amendment printed in House Report 105-54 is adopted.

The text of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, is as follows:

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"ARTICLE—

"SECTION 1. Any bill, resolution, or other legislative measure changing the internal revenue laws shall require for final adoption in each House the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members of that House voting and present, unless that bill is determined at the time of adoption, in a reasonable manner prescribed by law, not to increase the internal revenue by more than a de minimis amount. For the purposes of determining any increase in the internal revenue under this section, there shall be excluded any increase resulting from the lowering of an effective rate of any tax. On any vote for which the concurrence of two-thirds is required under this article, the yeas and nays of the members of either House shall be entered on the journal of that House.

"SECTION 2. The Congress may waive the requirements of this article when a declaration of war is in effect. The Congress may also waive this article when the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SCOTT] each will control 90 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY].

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] and I ask unanimous consent that he may be permitted to yield blocks of time to other Members.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 62 introduced by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] requires a two-thirds vote for any bill that changes the internal revenue laws to increase the internal revenue by more than a de minimis amount. Why is this amendment needed? Simply put, a supermajority vote makes it more difficult for Congress to raise taxes. It is a mechanism by which to restrain the Government's appetite for reaching into people's pockets and taking their money. It is a mechanism to protect the American people from Government overreaching.

The Federal Government's insatiable appetite for raising taxes is borne out by the facts. In 1934 Federal taxes were just 5 percent of a family's income. By 1994 this figure had jumped to 19 percent; almost one-fifth of a family's income went to pay Federal income taxes.

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In addition, the supermajority requirement would be waived when a declaration of war is in effect or when both Houses pass a resolution, which becomes law, stating that, "The United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious threat to national security."

The resolution we are considering this afternoon also includes a provision offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] which amended the committee-reported version with the adoption of the rule. The McCollum