

It is time that we do tax reform again. We should do tax reform, we should not attack those working for the IRS. Today they are working the last couple of weeks, and they will continue to work for us to collect our taxes to run this country. We need tax reform, we need simplification, but let us do it in the right way. These ploys are overused, overdone, and we should absolutely not pass this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON). Pursuant to the order of the House of today, further consideration of House Joint Resolution 62 will be postponed until after disposition of the two motions to suspend the rules on which proceedings were postponed earlier today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, 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. 1226, by the yeas and nays; and House Resolution 109, by the yeas and nays.

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

TAXPAYER BROWSING PROTECTION ACT

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The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 76]
YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Berman	Burr
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Aderholt	Bilirakis	Buyer
Allen	Bishop	Callahan
Andrews	Blagojevich	Calvert
Archer	Bliley	Camp
Armey	Blumenauer	Campbell
Bachus	Blunt	Canady
Baesler	Boehkert	Cannon
Baker	Boehner	Capps
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Becerra	Brown (OH)	Coble
Bentsen	Bryant	Coburn
Bereuter	Bunning	Collins

Combest	Hinojosa	Morella
Condit	Hobson	Murtha
Cook	Hoekstra	Myrick
Cooksey	Holden	Nadler
Cox	Hooley	Neal
Coyne	Horn	Nethercutt
Cramer	Hostettler	Neumann
Crane	Houghton	Ney
Crapo	Hoyer	Northup
Cubin	Hulshof	Norwood
Cummings	Hunter	Nussle
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Oberstar
Davis (FL)	Hyde	Obey
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Olver
Davis (VA)	Jackson-Lee	Ortiz
Deal	(TX)	Oxley
DeFazio	Jefferson	Packard
DeGette	Jenkins	Pallone
Delahunt	John	Pappas
DeLauro	Johnson (CT)	Parker
DeLay	Johnson (WI)	Pascrell
Dellums	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
Deutsch	Johnson, Sam	Paul
Diaz-Balart	Jones	Paxon
Dickey	Kanjorski	Payne
Dicks	Kaptur	Pease
Dingell	Kasich	Pelosi
Dixon	Kelly	Peterson (MN)
Doggett	Kennedy (MA)	Peterson (PA)
Dooley	Kennedy (RI)	Petri
Doolittle	Kennelly	Pickering
Doyle	Kildee	Pickett
Dreier	Kim	Pitts
Duncan	Kind (WI)	Pombo
Dunn	Kingston	Pomeroy
Edwards	Klecicka	Porter
Ehlers	Klink	Portman
Ehrlich	Klug	Poshard
Emerson	Knollenberg	Price (NC)
Engel	Kolbe	Pryce (OH)
English	Kucinich	Quinn
Ensign	LaFalce	Radanovich
Eshoo	LaHood	Rahall
Etheridge	Lampson	Ramstad
Evans	Lantos	Regula
Everett	Largent	Reyes
Ewing	Latham	Riggs
Farr	LaTourrette	Riley
Fattah	Lazio	Rivers
Fawell	Leach	Roemer
Fazio	Levin	Rogan
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Rogers
Foglietta	Lewis (GA)	Rohrabacher
Foley	Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Forbes	Linder	Rothman
Ford	Lipinski	Roukema
Fowler	Livingston	Roybal-Allard
Fox	LoBiondo	Royce
Frank (MA)	Lofgren	Rush
Franks (NJ)	Lucas	Ryun
Frelinghuysen	Luther	Sabo
Frost	Maloney (CT)	Salmon
Furse	Maloney (NY)	Sanchez
Galleghy	Manzullo	Sanders
Ganske	Markey	Sandlin
Gejdenson	Martinez	Sanford
Gekas	Mascara	Saxton
Gephardt	Matsui	Scarborough
Gibbons	McCarthy (MO)	Schaefer, Dan
Gilchrist	McCarthy (NY)	Schaffer, Bob
Gillmor	McCollum	Schumer
Gilman	McCrery	Scott
Gonzalez	McDade	Sensenbrenner
Goode	McDermott	Serrano
Goodlatte	McGovern	Sessions
Goodling	McHale	Shadegg
Gordon	McHugh	Shaw
Goss	McInnis	Shays
Graham	McIntosh	Sherman
Granger	McIntyre	Shimkus
Green	McKeon	Shuster
Greenwood	McKinney	Sisisky
Gutierrez	McNulty	Skaggs
Gutknecht	Meehan	Skeen
Hall (OH)	Meek	Skelton
Hall (TX)	Menendez	Slaughter
Hamilton	Metcalfe	Smith (MI)
Hansen	Mica	Smith (NJ)
Harman	Millender-	Smith (OR)
Hastert	McDonald	Smith (TX)
Hastings (FL)	Miller (CA)	Smith, Adam
Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)	Smith, Linda
Hayworth	Minge	Snowbarger
Hefley	Mink	Snyder
Hefner	Moakley	Solomon
Herger	Molinaro	Spence
Hill	Mollohan	Spratt
Hilliard	Moran (KS)	Stabenow
Hinchee	Moran (VA)	Stark

Stearns	Thune	Watts (OK)
Stenholm	Thurman	Waxman
Stokes	Tiahrt	Weldon (FL)
Strickland	Tierney	Weldon (PA)
Stump	Torres	Weller
Stupak	Trafigant	Weygand
Sununu	Turner	White
Talent	Upton	Whitfield
Tanner	Velazquez	Wicker
Tauscher	Vento	Wise
Tauzin	Visclosky	Wolf
Taylor (MS)	Walsh	Woolsey
Taylor (NC)	Wamp	Wynn
Thomas	Waters	Yates
Thompson	Watkins	Young (AK)
Thornberry	Watt (NC)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—20

Bilbray	Inglis	Rangel
Carson	Istook	Sawyer
Conyers	Kilpatrick	Schiff
Costello	King (NY)	Souder
Danner	Lowey	Towns
Flake	Manton	Wexler
Hilleary	Owens	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 76 I was unavoidably detained from the House Chamber. Had I been present I would have cast my vote as a "yea."

SENSE OF HOUSE ON FAMILY TAX RELIEF

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 109.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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Gutierrez
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Hall (OH)
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Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
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Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith, Adam
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
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Taylor (MS)
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Thornberry
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Walsh
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Watt (NC)
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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I was regretably and unavoidably detained on my way to the House floor this afternoon, and as a result was not present for rollcall votes No. 76 and No. 77—H.R. 1226, the Taxpayer Browsing Relief Act, and House Resolution 109, a sense of Congress on family tax relief.

Had I been present, I would have certainly voted "yea" on both measures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, because I was unavoidably detained in the 15th Congressional District of Michigan, I was not present at rollcall vote No. 76 and rollcall vote No. 77. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall vote No. 76 and "yea" for rollcall vote No. 77.

TAX LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 62) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] has 36½ minutes remaining, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] has 19½ minutes remaining, and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SCOTT] has 43½ minutes remaining.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS].

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the tax limitation amendment. What could I say in this short amount of time that would change many Members on that side of the aisle? I thought carefully about it. Did all of my colleagues know, perhaps they heard this before, that the Constitution has been amended 27 times? Perhaps they did not know in the first 4 years of this country's history they amended the Constitution 10 times. Perhaps they did not know this, but at that point they prohibited any taxes at all.

Mr. Speaker, the Founding Fathers did not want to have any taxes. They were interested in perhaps real estate taxes or a sales tax, but they did not honestly believe in taxing up to 39.5 percent, almost 40 percent. When you add State income tax and local taxes, you are talking about for people, some people are paying 55 percent.

Our Founding Fathers 220 years ago, of course, had the foresight to use supermajority for certain things. Impeachment, talking about expelling a Member of Congress, overriding the veto, they foresaw the need for a supermajority. They understood firsthand what could happen with corruption and power. The power to tax is what we are talking about today, the ruination of overtaxation. The gentleman from Texas is simply offering an amendment to slow this process down.

Quite simply, our forefathers fought a war to ensure freedom from unchecked oppression. They fought a war basically to prevent ruination of taxation, which we have today. So the gentleman from Texas is simply trying to stop this by saying let us have a two-thirds majority.

The American people do not like and trust their Government. They have said that over and over again. It is 1997, and the Government needs to be put in check just like the modern-day King George III which we are trying to do today what our forefathers tried to do when they started this country. Over the past 40 years, Congress has continually increased taxes. Since 1981, there have been 19 separate tax increases, in 1993, the largest tax increase in history. It is obvious to anybody who has studied the political landscape, if we do not have this amendment, we will have increased taxes. Mr. Speaker, we increased taxes on airline tickets, and I am ashamed that we passed that vote without a counterbalancing amendment to make it budget neutral.

In 1775, the rallying cry was no taxation without representation. Here we are, over 200 years later, and it has not changed. The American taxpayers are fed up. They are looking at bloated bureaucracy and they want a change.

Daniel Webster once said, the power to tax is the power to destroy. This afternoon, these words ring with resonance on April 15. What we want to do here is very, very simple. We only want to make it harder to raise taxes, to make it just a little bit more difficult