

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1856, 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 New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1856, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR DIVISION, USE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUNDS OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1604, 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 Utah [Mr. HANSEN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1604, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1839, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLILEY] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1839, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 336, nays 72, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 573]

YEAS—336

Aderholt	Bass	Bono
Allen	Bateman	Boyd
Archer	Bentsen	Brady
Arney	Bereuter	Brown (CA)
Bachus	Berry	Brown (FL)
Baesler	Bilbray	Brown (OH)
Baker	Bilirakis	Bryant
Baldacci	Bishop	Bunning
Ballenger	Bliley	Burr
Barr	Blumenauer	Burton
Barrett (NE)	Blunt	Buyer
Barrett (WI)	Boehlert	Callahan
Bartlett	Boehner	Calvert
Barton	Bonilla	Camp
	Bonior	Campbell

Canady	Houghton	Porter
Cannon	Hoyer	Portman
Castle	Hulshof	Poshard
Chabot	Hunter	Price (NC)
Chambliss	Hutchinson	Pryce (OH)
Chenoweth	Hyde	Quinn
Christensen	Inglis	Radanovich
Clayton	Istook	Rahall
Clement	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Clyburn	(TX)	Redmond
Coble	Jefferson	Regula
Collins	Jenkins	Reyes
Combest	John	Riggs
Condit	Johnson (CT)	Rivers
Cook	Johnson (WI)	Rodriguez
Cooksey	Johnson, E. B.	Roemer
Costello	Johnson, Sam	Rogan
Cox	Jones	Rogers
Coyne	Kanjorski	Rohrabacher
Cramer	Kasich	Ros-Lehtinen
Crane	Kelly	Roukema
Crapo	Kennedy (RI)	Royce
Cunningham	Kildee	Rush
Danner	Kim	Ryun
Davis (FL)	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Davis (VA)	Kingston	Salmon
Deal	Klecza	Sanchez
DeFazio	Klug	Sandlin
Delahunt	Knollenberg	Saxton
DeLay	Kolbe	Schaefer, Dan
Deutsch	LaHood	Schaffer, Bob
Diaz-Balart	Lampson	Sensenbrenner
Dickey	Lantos	Sessions
Dixon	Largent	Shadegg
Doggett	Latham	Shaw
Dooley	LaTourrette	Shays
Doolittle	Lazio	Sherman
Doyle	Leach	Shimkus
Dreier	Levin	Sisisky
Duncan	Lewis (KY)	Skeen
Dunn	Linder	Skelton
Edwards	Lipinski	Smith (MI)
Ehlers	Livingston	Smith (NJ)
Ehrlich	LoBiondo	Smith (OR)
Emerson	Lofgren	Smith (TX)
Engel	Lowe	Smith, Adam
English	Lucas	Smith, Linda
Ensign	Luther	Snowbarger
Eshoo	Manzullo	Snyder
Etheridge	Martinez	Solomon
Everett	Mascara	Souder
Ewing	Matsui	Spence
Farr	McCarthy (NY)	Spratt
Foley	McCollum	Stabenow
Forbes	McCrery	Stearns
Fowler	McDade	Stenholm
Fox	McGovern	Stokes
Franks (NJ)	McHugh	Strickland
Frelinghuysen	McInnis	Stump
Frost	McIntyre	Stupak
Gallegly	Meek	Sununu
Ganske	Metcalf	Talent
Gekas	Mica	Tanner
Gibbons	Millender-	Tauscher
Gilchrest	McDonald	Tauzin
Gillmor	Miller (FL)	Taylor (MS)
Gilman	Minge	Taylor (NC)
Goode	Moakley	Thomas
Goodlatte	Mollohan	Thompson
Goodling	Moran (KS)	Thornberry
Gordon	Moran (VA)	Thune
Goss	Morella	Thurman
Graham	Murtha	Tiahrt
Granger	Myrick	Torres
Green	Nethercutt	Towns
Greenwood	Neumann	Traficant
Gutknecht	Ney	Turner
Hall (OH)	Northup	Upton
Hall (TX)	Norwood	Vento
Hamilton	Nussle	Visclosky
Hansen	Oberstar	Walsh
Harman	Obey	Wamp
Hastert	Oxley	Watkins
Hastings (FL)	Packard	Watts (OK)
Hastings (WA)	Pappas	Weldon (FL)
Hayworth	Parker	Weldon (PA)
Hefley	Pascrell	Weller
Hefner	Pastor	Wexler
Hergert	Paxon	Weygand
Hill	Pease	White
Hilleary	Peterson (MN)	Whitfield
Hilliard	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
Hobson	Petri	Wise
Hoekstra	Pickering	Wolf
Holden	Pickett	Wynn
Hooley	Pitts	Young (FL)
Horn	Pombo	
Hostettler	Pomeroy	

NAYS—72

Abercrombie	Furse	Nadler
Andrews	Gejdenson	Neal
Becerra	Gutierrez	Olver
Berman	Hinchee	Ortiz
Blagojevich	Jackson (IL)	Owens
Borski	Kaptur	Pallone
Boswell	Kennedy (MA)	Paul
Boucher	Kennelly	Pelosi
Cardin	Kilpatrick	Rothman
Carson	Klink	Roybal-Allard
Conyers	Kucinich	Sanders
Cummings	LaFalce	Sanford
Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Sawyer
DeGette	Maloney (CT)	Scarborough
DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Schumer
Dellums	Manton	Serrano
Dicks	Markey	Skaggs
Dingell	McCarthy (MO)	Slaughter
Evans	McDermott	Stark
Fattah	McHale	Tierney
Fazio	McKinney	Velazquez
Filner	Meehan	Waters
Ford	Miller (CA)	Watt (NC)
Frank (MA)	Mink	Woolsey

NOT VOTING—24

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Payne
Clay	Hinojosa	Riley
Coburn	King (NY)	Schiff
Cubin	Lewis (CA)	Scott
Fawell	McIntosh	Shuster
Flake	McKeon	Waxman
Foglietta	McNulty	Yates
Gephardt	Menendez	Young (AK)

□ 2312

Mr. GEJDENSON and Mr. SANFORD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. GREEN, HOSTETTLER, and LAFALCE changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) 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.

BURT LAKE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 948.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 948, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 240, nays 167, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 574]

YEAS—240

Abercrombie	Bonilla	Clyburn
Allen	Bonior	Condit
Andrews	Bono	Conyers
Baesler	Borski	Cook
Baldacci	Boswell	Costello
Barcia	Boucher	Cox
Barrett (WI)	Boyd	Coyne
Bass	Brown (CA)	Cramer
Becerra	Brown (FL)	Crane
Bentsen	Brown (OH)	Cummings
Berman	Calvert	Danner
Berry	Campbell	Davis (FL)
Bilbray	Canady	Davis (IL)
Bishop	Cardin	DeFazio
Blagojevich	Carson	DeGette
Bliley	Chambliss	Delahunt
Blumenauer	Clayton	Dellums
Boehlert	Clement	Deutsch

Diaz-Balart Kennedy (MA)
 Dickey Kennedy (RI)
 Dicks Kildee
 Dingell Kilpatrick
 Dixon Kim
 Doggett Kind (WI)
 Dooley Kleczka
 Doyle Klink
 Dreier Knollenberg
 Edwards Kolbe
 Emerson Kucinich
 Engel LaFalce
 English Lampson
 Ensign Lantos
 Eshoo Leach
 Etheridge Lewis (GA)
 Evans Linder
 Farr Lipinski
 Fattah Livingston
 Fazio Lofgren
 Filner Lowey
 Foley Luther
 Forbes Maloney (CT)
 Ford Maloney (NY)
 Frank (MA) Manton
 Frelinghuysen Markey
 Frost Martinez
 Furse Mascara
 Gallegly Matsui
 Gejdenson McCarthy (MO)
 Gekas McCarthy (NY)
 Gillmor McCollum
 Gilman McDermott
 Goodling McGovern
 Gordon McHale
 Granger McIntyre
 Green McKinney
 Gutierrez Meehan
 Hamilton Meek
 Harman Millender
 Hastings (FL) McDonald
 Hayworth Miller (CA)
 Hefner Minge
 Hill Mink
 Hilliard Moakley
 Hinchey Mollohan
 Holden Murtha
 Hooley Myrick
 Houghton Nadler
 Hoyer Neal
 Jackson (IL) Ney
 Jackson-Lee Oberstar
 (TX) Obey
 Jefferson Olver
 Jenkins Ortiz
 John Owens
 Johnson (WI) Oxley
 Johnson, E. B. Pallone
 Johnson, Sam Pascrell
 Jones Pastor
 Kanjorski Pelosi
 Kaptur Peterson (MN)
 Kelly Peterson (PA)

NAYS—167

Aderholt Davis (VA)
 Archer Deal
 Arney DeLauro
 Bachus DeLay
 Baker Doolittle
 Ballenger Duncan
 Barr Dunn
 Barrett (NE) Ehlers
 Bartlett Ehrlich
 Barton Everett
 Bateman Ewing
 Bereuter Fowler
 Bilirakis Fox
 Blunt Franks (NJ)
 Boehner Ganske
 Brady Gibbons
 Bryant Gilchrist
 Bunning Goode
 Burr Goodlatte
 Burton Goss
 Buyer Graham
 Callahan Greenwood
 Camp Gutknecht
 Cannon Hall (TX)
 Castle Hansen
 Chabot Hastert
 Chenoweth Hastings (WA)
 Christensen Hefley
 Coble Herger
 Collins Hilleary
 Combest Hobson
 Cooksey Hoekstra
 Crapo Horn
 Cunningham Hostettler

Norwood Roukema
 Nussle Royce
 Packard Ryun
 Pappas Sanford
 Parker Scarborough
 Paul Schaefer, Dan
 Paxon Schaffer, Bob
 Pease Sensenbrenner
 Petri Sessions
 Pickering Shaw
 Pombo Shays
 Porter Shimkus
 Portman Skeen
 Pryce (OH) Smith (MI)
 Quinn Smith (OR)
 Ramstad Smith, Linda
 Redmond Snowbarger
 Regula Solomon
 Riggs Spence
 Roemer Stearns
 Rogan Stenholm
 Rogers Stump

NOT VOTING—25

Ackerman Hall (OH)
 Clay Hinojosa
 Coburn King (NY)
 Cubin Lewis (CA)
 Fawell McIntosh
 Flake McKeon
 Foglietta McNulty
 Gephardt Menendez
 Gonzalez Payne

□ 2322

Messrs. RYUN, SNOWBARGER, VIS-CLOSKY, and PICKERING and Mrs. NORTHUP changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

IN SUPPORT OF THE MARRIAGE TAX ELIMINATION ACT

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Marriage Tax Elimination Act. I would like to speak in favor of this important legislation with a few simple questions.

Mr. Speaker, do Americans feel it is fair that our Tax Code imposes a higher tax penalty on marriage? Do Americans feel that it is fair that 21 million middle-class married working couples pay an average of almost \$1,400 in higher taxes just because they are married? Do Americans feel it is morally right that our Tax Code provides an incentive to get divorced?

Of course not. The marriage tax is not only unfair, it is wrong. It is immoral that our Tax Code punishes our society's most basic institution, marriage, with a tax penalty of almost \$1,400 for 21 million working couples. The Marriage Tax Elimination Act eliminates the marriage penalty. It is important legislation that deserves bipartisan support. I am pleased we now have 223 cosponsors to eliminate the marriage tax penalty.

I include the following material for the RECORD:

MARRIAGE TAX QUOTES

If we are really interested in "putting children first", then why would this country penalize the very situation (marriage) where

kids do best? When parents are truly committed to each other, through their marriage vows, their children's outcomes are enhanced. Children from solid, married families have higher graduation rates from high school and lower rates of drug abuse and teenage pregnancy.—Gary & Carla Gipson of Houston, Texas.

I am a 61 year old grandmother, still holding down a full time job, and I remarried three years ago. I had to think long and hard about marriage over staying single as I knew it would cost us several thousand dollars a year just to sign that marriage license. Marriage has become a contract between two individuals and the federal government.—Mary A. Hottel of New Castle, Virginia.

Last, I would like to share the few simple words spoken by a constituent of mine in Illinois' 11th Congressional District:

You try and be honest and do things straight, and you get penalized for it. That's just not right.—Mike Reading—Monee, Illinois.

[From the Daily Journal, Sept. 11, 1997]

THE MARRIAGE TAX

Congressman Jerry Weller is taking a leading part in the campaign to repeal the marriage tax.

A story in The Daily Journal Wednesday reported that both he and Rep. David McIntosh of Indiana are spearheading an effort to get the tax repealed. They would like to see its repeal as part of any new tax bill next year.

We agree. The marriage tax is an unfair imposition. The code should be rewritten to eliminate it.

While we are all for simplicity in the tax code, the reality is that taxes drive social engineering. People will do anything, almost anything, that's legal to avoid taxes. Thus, throughout the 1980s, depreciation rules drove the construction, even overbuilding, in many areas of the country. Large portions of the health insurance crises were driven by a change in the tax laws. You used to be able to deduct insurance entirely off your income tax. It should not have surprised lawmakers that the percentage of people taking health insurance dropped when the deductibility of health insurance shrank.

Thus, laws should encourage, rather than discourage, marriage. And they should encourage, rather than discourage, couples from staying together.

It is patently unfair that a married couple, where both work, is taxed at a higher rate than two separate people. Every year you hear of a couple that humorously goes through a sham divorce just for tax purposes.

This year, the government did lurch in the right direction by enacting tax credits to help parents. Now it should act to help the rest of the family by repealing the marriage tax. Weller's initiative deserves support.

[From the Herald News, Oct. 16, 1997]

WORKING FAMILIES WELCOME REPEAL OF MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

Elimination of the marriage tax penalty looks like a "can't miss" campaign for married couples and Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Morris.

The problem is that it has failed in the past, most notably it was part of the recent Republican "Contract with America." It has been vetoed twice by President Bill Clinton.

Backing this tax reform is like supporting hot dogs and apple pie. It's "politically correct."

Weller's bill would allow married couples to select "single" or "married" on their Internal Revenue Service forms. They can pick the filing status that brings them the greatest tax relief.