

Moran (VA)	Rodriguez	Souder
Murtha	Roemer	Spence
Myrick	Rohrabacher	Spratt
Nadler	Ros-Lehtinen	Stabenow
Neal	Rothman	Stark
Nethercutt	Roukema	Stearns
Neumann	Roybal-Allard	Stenholm
Ney	Royce	Stokes
Northup	Rush	Strickland
Norwood	Ryun	Stump
Nussle	Salmon	Sununu
Obey	Sanchez	Talent
Ortiz	Sanders	Tanner
Owens	Sandlin	Tauscher
Oxley	Sanford	Taylor (NC)
Packard	Sawyer	Thomas
Pallone	Scarborough	Thornberry
Pappas	Schumer	Thune
Parker	Scott	Thurman
Pascrell	Sensenbrenner	Tierney
Pastor	Serrano	Torres
Paul	Sessions	Trafficant
Paxon	Shadegg	Turner
Pease	Shaw	Upton
Peterson (MN)	Shays	Vento
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Walsh
Petri	Shimkus	Wamp
Pitts	Shuster	Watkins
Pombo	Sisisky	Watt (NC)
Pomeroy	Skaggs	Watts (OK)
Portman	Skeen	Weldon (FL)
Price (NC)	Skelton	Weldon (PA)
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Wexler
Radanovich	Smith (OR)	Weygand
Rahall	Smith (TX)	White
Rangel	Smith, Adam	Wilson
Redmond	Smith, Linda	Wise
Regula	Snowbarger	Wolf
Riley	Snyder	Woolsey
Rivers	Solomon	Wynn

## NAYS—50

Aderholt	Gutknecht	Moran (KS)
Becerra	Hefley	Oberstar
Bonior	Hilliard	Pickett
Borski	Hinchee	Poshard
Brady (PA)	Hoekstra	Ramstad
Brown (CA)	Hulshof	Rogan
Clay	Johnson, E. B.	Sabo
Clyburn	Jones	Schaffer, Bob
DeFazio	Klink	Slaughter
English	Kucinich	Stupak
Ensign	LaFalce	Thompson
Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Velazquez
Filner	Lipinski	Waters
Fox	LoBiondo	Weller
Gibbons	Maloney (CT)	Whitfield
Green	McDermott	Wicker
Gutierrez	McNulty	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Reyes	Smith (MI)
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## NOT VOTING—48

Barton	Fowler	Pickering
Bateman	Furse	Porter
Bentsen	Gephardt	Pryce (OH)
Berman	Gonzalez	Riggs
Billray	Goss	Rogers
Brown (FL)	Harman	Saxton
Burton	Kaptur	Schaefer, Dan
Callahan	Kasich	Tauzin
Clement	Kennelly	Taylor (MS)
Coburn	Martinez	Tiahrt
Cox	McCrery	Towns
Crane	McDade	Visclosky
Crapo	Morella	Waxman
Diaz-Balart	Olver	Yates
Doyle	Payne	Young (AK)
Fazio	Pelosi	Young (FL)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one-minute after legislative business has been completed.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 59

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 59.

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

There was no objection.

## TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4579) to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small businesses, to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When proceedings were postponed on Friday, September 25, 1998, 30 minutes of debate remained on the bill.

Pursuant to the order of the House of that day, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL), each have 15 minutes of debate remaining on the bill.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER).

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY), respected chairman of the Committee on Commerce.

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

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, today we vote to address a simple question: Whether we are going to let our constituents keep more of their hard earned money or whether this money will go to the Federal bureaucrats and to additional Clinton big government programs. While some of my Democratic colleagues on the other side of the aisle may struggle with this question, to me, the answer is crystal clear. Americans deserve to keep more of what they earn. Americans deserve a tax cut now.

The Taxpayer Relief Act will let Americans who go to work everyday to keep more and save more of what they earn. Under this legislation, Americans will see Congress return 80 billion dollars of the people's money to the people who earned it.

At the same time, the responsible legislation we passed yesterday upholds Congress' duty to preserve and protect Social Security by setting aside 90 percent of the budget surplus—

approximately 1.4 trillion dollars—to save Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, the Taxpayer Relief Act is even-handed and responsible, providing tax relief to a broad range of Americans.

For example, middle income Americans will see relief from one of the most unfair and ill conceived taxes—the marriage penalty tax. In my home state, nearly 1.2 million Virginians will see an average of 243 dollars per person returned to them as a result of relief from the marriage penalty tax. That is 243 dollars which the government had penalized them—simply for living in wedlock—before the passage of this act.

The Taxpayer Relief Act also gives the self-employed something which everyone agrees is needed—affordable health care. Self-employed workers, including farmers, may deduct 100 percent of their health care costs under this legislation. In the end, this will be good for the strength of American business and good for the health of American families.

Upon passage of this legislation, Virginians will receive approximately 617 dollars per tax filer. \$617 of their money. \$617 to spend on food, \$617 to save for the future, or \$617 to put toward their children's education.

Mr. Speaker, this is their money. Americans deserve a tax cut and I urge my colleagues to support the Taxpayer Relief Act.

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON), one of America's great heroes, a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans are tired of being overtaxed just for being married, for staying healthy, for saving, for starting their own business or for producing food at our tables. I agree, the government has no right to take so much from hard-working people. That is why this bill is so important. It returns \$80 billion to the rightful owners, the American people.

This bill gives 48 million taxpayers relief from the marriage penalty. Millions of families will not be taxed on their savings. Farmers and the self-employed will be able to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance costs. Seniors can continue to lead productive lives without being penalized and, guess what, several tax forms are going to be eliminated.

The Democrats are wrong in this instance. They say these very people that do not deserve any of the surplus that you, the American people, created. Democrats say government should keep it and spend it to create new government programs. It is time to reward the American taxpayers. The truth must be told and scare tactics need to end.

Social Security will be protected. Americans want, need and deserve tax relief. After all, it is their own money.

Let us give some of it back to them.

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

I want to set an atmosphere here. Yesterday, the President of the United