

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No 453]

YEAS—404

Abercrombie	Deutsch	Johnson (CT)
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, E.B.
Allen	Dickey	Johnson, Sam
Archer	Dicks	Jones (NC)
Army	Dingell	Kanjorski
Baca	Dixon	Kaptur
Bachus	Doggett	Kasich
Baird	Dooley	Kelly
Baker	Doollittle	Kennedy
Baldacci	Doyle	Kildee
Baldwin	Dreier	Kilpatrick
Ballenger	Duncan	Kind (WI)
Barcia	Dunn	King (NY)
Barr	Edwards	Kingston
Barrett (NE)	Ehlers	Klecza
Barrett (WI)	English	Knollenberg
Bartlett	Eshoo	Kolbe
Barton	Etheridge	Kucinich
Bass	Evans	Kuykendall
Bateman	Everett	LaFalce
Becerra	Ewing	LaHood
Bentsen	Farr	Lantos
Bereuter	Fattah	Largent
Berkley	Filner	Larson
Berman	Fletcher	Latham
Berry	Foley	Leach
Biggert	Forbes	Lee
Bilbray	Ford	Levin
Bilirakis	Fossella	Lewis (CA)
Blagojevich	Fowler	Lewis (GA)
Blumenauer	Frank (MA)	Lewis (KY)
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Linder
Boehlert	Frost	Lipinski
Boehner	Gallegly	LoBiondo
Bonilla	Gejdenson	Lofgren
Bonior	Gekas	Lowey
Bono	Gephardt	Lucas (KY)
Borski	Gibbons	Lucas (OK)
Boswell	Gilchrest	Luther
Boucher	Gillmor	Maloney (CT)
Boyd	Gilman	Maloney (NY)
Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	Manzullo
Brady (TX)	Goode	Markey
Brown (FL)	Goodlatte	Martinez
Brown (OH)	Gooding	Mascara
Bryant	Gordon	Matsui
Burr	Goss	McCarthy (MO)
Burton	Graham	McCarthy (NY)
Buyer	Granger	McCrery
Callahan	Green (TX)	McDermott
Calvert	Green (WI)	McGovern
Camp	Greenwood	McHugh
Campbell	Gutierrez	McInnis
Canady	Gutknecht	McIntyre
Cannon	Hall (OH)	McKeon
Capps	Hall (TX)	McKinney
Capuano	Hansen	McNulty
Cardin	Hastings (FL)	Meehan
Carson	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Chabot	Hayes	Meeks (NY)
Chambliss	Hayworth	Menendez
Chenoweth-Hage	Hefley	Metcalfe
Clay	Heger	Mica
Clayton	Hill (IN)	Millender-
Clement	Hill (MT)	McDonald
Clyburn	Hilleary	Miller (FL)
Coble	Hilliard	Miller, Gary
Coburn	Hinchee	Miller, George
Collins	Hinojosa	Minge
Combest	Hobson	Mink
Condit	Hoeffel	Moakley
Conyers	Hoekstra	Moore
Cooksey	Holden	Moran (KS)
Costello	Holt	Moran (VA)
Cox	Hookey	Morella
Coyne	Horn	Murtha
Cramer	Hostettler	Myrick
Crane	Houghton	Nadler
Crowley	Hoyer	Napolitano
Cubin	Hulshof	Neal
Cummings	Hunter	Nethercutt
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Ney
Davis (FL)	Hyde	Northup
Davis (IL)	Inslee	Norwood
Davis (VA)	Isakson	Nussle
Deal	Istook	Oberstar
DeFazio	Jackson (IL)	Obey
DeGette	Jackson-Lee	Olver
Delahunt	(TX)	Ortiz
DeLauro	Jefferson	Ose
DeLay	Jenkins	Oxley
DeMint	John	Packard

Pallone	Sanchez	Tauscher
Pascarella	Sanders	Tauzin
Pastor	Sandlin	Taylor (MS)
Paul	Sanford	Taylor (NC)
Payne	Sawyer	Terry
Pease	Saxton	Thomas
Pelosi	Scarborough	Thompson (CA)
Peterson (MN)	Schaffer	Thompson (MS)
Peterson (PA)	Schakowsky	Thornberry
Petri	Scott	Thune
Phelps	Sensenbrenner	Thurman
Pickering	Serrano	Tiahrt
Pickett	Sessions	Tierney
Pitts	Shaw	Toomey
Pombo	Shays	Towns
Pomeroy	Sherman	Trafficant
Porter	Sherwood	Turner
Portman	Shimkus	Udall (CO)
Price (NC)	Shoemaker	Udall (NM)
Pryce (OH)	Shuster	Upton
Quinn	Simpson	Velazquez
Radanovich	Sisisky	Visclosky
Rahall	Skeen	Vitter
Ranollenberg	Skelton	Walsh
Rangel	Slaughter	Wamp
Regula	Smith (MI)	Waters
Reynolds	Smith (NJ)	Watkins
Riley	Smith (TX)	Watt (NC)
Rivers	Smith (WA)	Watts (OK)
Rodriguez	Snyder	Waxman
Roemer	Spence	Weldon (FL)
Rogan	Spratt	Weldon (PA)
Rogers	Stabenow	Weller
Rohrabacher	Stark	Wexler
Ros-Lehtinen	Stearns	Weygand
Rothman	Stenholm	Whitfield
Roukema	Strickland	Wicker
Royal-Allard	Stump	Wolf
Royce	Stupak	Woolsey
Rush	Sununu	Wu
Ryan (WI)	Sweeney	Wynn
Ryun (KS)	Talent	Young (FL)
Sabo	Tancredo	
Salmon	Tanner	

NOT VOTING—30

Ackerman	Franks (NJ)	Owens
Andrews	Ganske	Reyes
Bishop	Jones (OH)	Shadegg
Bliley	Klink	Souder
Castle	Lampson	Vento
Cook	LaTourette	Walden
Danner	Lazio	Weiner
Ehrlich	McCollum	Wilson
Emerson	McIntosh	Wise
Engel	Mollohan	Young (AK)

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 7, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Monday, August 7, 2000 at 12:25 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he returns without his approval, H.R. 4810, the "Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000".

Sincerely yours,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

MARRIAGE TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2000—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—(H. DOC. NO. 106-291)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 4810, the "Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000," because it is poorly targeted and one part of a costly and regressive tax plan that reverses the principle of fiscal responsibility that has contributed to the longest economic expansion in history.

Mr Administration supports marriage penalty relief and has offered a targeted and fiscally responsible proposal in our fiscal year 2001 budget to provide it. However, I must oppose H.R. 4810. Combined with the numerous other tax bills approved by the Congress this year and supported by the congressional majority for next year, it would drain away the projected surplus that the American people have worked so hard to create. Even by the Congressional Budget Office's more optimistic projection, this tax plan would plunge America back into deficit and would leave nothing for lengthening the life of Social Security or Medicare; nothing for voluntary and affordable Medicare prescription drug benefits; nothing for education and school construction. Moreover, the congressional majority's tax plan would make it impossible for us to get America out of debt by 2012.

H.R. 4810 would cost more than \$280 billion over 10 years if its provisions were permanent, making it significantly more expensive than either of the bills originally approved by the House and the Senate. It is poorly targeted toward delivering marriage penalty relief—only about 40 percent of the cost of H.R. 4810 actually would reduce marriage penalties. It also provides little tax relief to those families that need it most, while devoting a large fraction of its benefits to families with higher incomes.

Taking into account H.R. 4810, the fiscally irresponsible tax cuts passed by the House Ways and Means Committee this year provide about as much benefit to the top 1 percent of Americans as to the bottom 80 percent combined. Families in the top 1 percent get an average tax break of over \$16,000, while a middle-class family gets only \$220 on average. But if interest rates went up because of the congressional majority's plan by even one-third of one percent, then mortgage payments for a family with a \$100,000 mortgage would go up by \$270, leaving them worse off than if they had no tax cut at all.

We should have tax cuts this year, but they should be the right ones, targeted to working families to help our economy grow—not tax breaks that will help only a few while putting our