

Congress. In fact, I introduced legislation to repeal this tax increase in 1997, and I am pleased to see Congress acting on this issue. I would remind my colleagues that the justification for increasing this tax in 1993 was to reduce the budget deficit. Now, President Clinton, who first proposed the tax increase, and most members of Congress say the deficit is gone. So, by the President's own reasoning, there is no need to keep this tax hike in place.

Because Social Security benefits are financed with tax dollars, taxing these benefits is yet another incidence of "double taxation." Furthermore, "taxing" benefits paid by the government is merely an accounting trick, a "shell game" which allows members of Congress to reduce benefits by subterfuge. This allows Congress to continue using the Social Security trust fund as a means of financing other government programs and mask the true size of the federal deficit.

Mr. Speaker, the Social Security Tax Relief Act, combined with our action earlier this year to repeal the earnings limitation, goes a long way toward reducing the burden imposed by the Federal Government on senior citizens. However, I hope my colleagues will not stop at repealing the 1993 tax increase, but will work to repeal all taxes on Social Security benefits. I am cosponsoring legislation to achieve this goal, H.R. 761.

Congress should also act on my Social Security Preservation Act (H.R. 219), which ensures that all money in the Social Security Trust Fund is spent solely on Social Security. When the government takes money for the Social Security Trust Fund, it promises the American people that the money will be there for them when they retire. Congress has a moral obligation to keep that promise.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to help free senior citizens from oppressive taxation by supporting the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (H.R. 4865). I also urge my colleagues to join me in working to repeal all taxes on Social Security benefits and ensuring that moneys from the Social Security trust fund are used solely for Social Security and not wasted on frivolous government programs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

Under the Constitution, this vote must be determined by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 274, nays 157, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 458]

YEAS—274

Abercrombie	Bateman	Boucher
Aderholt	Berkley	Brady (TX)
Andrews	Berry	Bryant
Archer	Biggart	Burr
Armey	Bilbray	Burton
Bachus	Bilirakis	Buyer
Baird	Bishop	Callahan
Baker	Blagojevich	Calvert
Ballenger	Bliley	Camp
Barcia	Blunt	Campbell
Barr	Boehlert	Canady
Barrett (NE)	Boehner	Cannon
Bartlett	Bonilla	Capps
Barton	Bono	Castle
Bass	Boswell	Chabot

Chambliss	Houghton
Chenoweth-Hage	Hulshof
Clayton	Hunter
Clement	Hutchinson
Coble	Hyde
Coburn	Inslee
Collins	Isakson
Combest	Istook
Condit	Jenkins
Cook	John
Cooksey	Johnson (CT)
Costello	Johnson, Sam
Cox	Jones (NC)
Cramer	Kasich
Crane	Kelly
Cubin	King (NY)
Cunningham	Kingston
Danner	Klink
Davis (VA)	Knollenberg
Deal	Kolbe
Delahunt	Kuykendall
DeLay	LaHood
DeMint	Lampson
Diaz-Balart	Largent
Dickey	Latham
Dooley	LaTourette
Doolittle	Lazio
Dreier	Leach
Duncan	Lewis (CA)
Dunn	Lewis (KY)
Ehlers	Linder
Ehrlich	Lipinski
Emerson	LoBiondo
English	Lucas (KY)
Etheridge	Lucas (OK)
Everett	Maloney (CT)
Ewing	Manzullo
Fletcher	Martinez
Foley	McCarthy (NY)
Forbes	McCollum
Ford	McCrery
Fossella	McHugh
Fowler	McInnis
Franks (NJ)	McIntosh
Frelinghuysen	McIntyre
Galleghy	McKeon
Ganske	Metcalfe
Gekas	Mica
Gibbons	Miller (FL)
Gilchrest	Miller, Gary
Gillmor	Mink
Gilman	Mollohan
Goode	Moran (KS)
Goodlatte	Morella
Goodling	Myrick
Gordon	Nethercutt
Goss	Ney
Graham	Northup
Granger	Norwood
Green (WI)	Nussle
Gutknecht	Ose
Hall (TX)	Oxley
Hansen	Packard
Hastert	Paul
Hastings (WA)	Pease
Hayes	Peterson (MN)
Hayworth	Peterson (PA)
Hefley	Petri
Herger	Phelps
Hill (MT)	Pickering
Hilleary	Pitts
Hobson	Pombo
Hoekstra	Porter
Holt	Portman
Hooley	Pryce (OH)
Horn	Quinn
Hostettler	

NAYS—157

Ackerman
Allen
Baca
Baldacci
Baldwin
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capuano
Cardin
Carson

Clay
Clyburn
Conyers
Coyne
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo

Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Regula
Reynolds
Riley
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Salmon
Sanchez
Sandlin
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffner
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Sweeney
Talent
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Toomey
Traficant
Upton
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Young (FL)

Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Klecza
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lantos
Larson
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (NY)
Markey
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McDermott
McGovern
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)

Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Millender
McDonald
Miller, George
Minge
Moakley
Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Pickett
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rangel
Reyes
Rivers
Rodriguez
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo

Sanders
Sawyer
Schakowsky
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Slaughter
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Strickland
Stupak
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (MS)
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Velazquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Weygand
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

NOT VOTING—4

Greenwood	Vento
Jefferson	Young (AK)

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Ms. KAPTUR and Mr. HILLIARD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. FORD changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So, two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof, the veto of the President was sustained and the bill was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The message and the bill is referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Clerk will notify the Senate of the action of the House.

MAKING IN ORDER A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON TODAY

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to authorize the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4844 today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Is there any objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS' IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4844) to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4844

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000".