

years than is needed to run the government. This surplus is the direct result of the diligence and hard work of the American people. The choice for this Congress is simple: keep the money for more Washington bureaucracy or return a portion of the surplus to working men and women. Mr. Speaker, I choose the people. Under the tax cut proposal, every American that pays income taxes will receive significant tax relief.

Mr. Speaker, this bill puts money back in the hands of Americans. Make no mistake, this is real tax relief for real people. Mr. Speaker, now more than ever Americans need to keep more of their hard-earned money in their pockets. The American people are over-taxed, and I look forward to voting today to return a portion of their money back to them. Taxpayers have earned it, and our slowing economy deserves it.

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WHITHER THE TAX CUT

(Mr. SANDLIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, the American public is not fooled by the charade before us today. Many in this Chamber claim that we have a \$5 trillion surplus. The fact is this: We have a \$5 trillion debt. Only in Washington, D.C., only here in the Nation's capital can a \$5 trillion debt somehow magically transform itself into a \$5 trillion surplus. That is new math at its finest. I do not know about you, but where I went to school in Texas, that just does not add up.

According to my figures, in order to have a \$5 trillion surplus, we would need to have \$10 trillion in the bank. But as our friend Chris Farley might have said, "We don't have Jack Squat." We need tax cuts in America. I support tax cuts in America. The Blue Dogs support tax cuts in America. But let us be responsible. We need a budget before we have tax cuts. We need to do what every family farmer does and every family business. Every family in America has a budget first. Mr. Speaker, let us formulate a budget first. Then we will give America the tax break that it deserves.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the

point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 230, nays 180, answered "present" 1, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 34]

YEAS—230

Abercrombie	Gordon	Otter
Akin	Goss	Oxley
Armey	Graham	Pastor
Bachus	Granger	Paul
Baker	Graves	Payne
Ballenger	Green (WI)	Pence
Barr	Greenwood	Peterson (PA)
Bartlett	Grucci	Petri
Bass	Gutknecht	Pickering
Bereuter	Hall (TX)	Pitts
Berman	Hansen	Pombo
Biggett	Hart	Portman
Bilirakis	Hastings (FL)	Pryce (OH)
Blunt	Hastings (WA)	Putnam
Boehlert	Hayes	Quinn
Boehner	Hayworth	Radanovich
Bonilla	Hefley	Regula
Bono	Henger	Rehberg
Boyd	Hilleary	Reynolds
Brady (TX)	Hobson	Riley
Brown (SC)	Hoekstra	Rogers (KY)
Bryant	Horn	Rogers (MI)
Burton	Hostettler	Rohrabacher
Buyer	Houghton	Ros-Lehtinen
Callahan	Hunter	Roukema
Calvert	Hutchinson	Royce
Camp	Hyde	Ryan (WI)
Cannon	Isakson	Ryun (KS)
Cantor	Issa	Saxton
Capito	Istook	Scarborough
Castle	Jenkins	Schrock
Chabot	Johnson (CT)	Sensenbrenner
Chambliss	Johnson (IL)	Sessions
Clyburn	Johnson, Sam	Shadegg
Coble	Keller	Shaw
Collins	Kelly	Sherwood
Combest	Kennedy (MN)	Shimkus
Conyers	Kerns	Simmons
Cooksey	Kildee	Simpson
Cox	King (NY)	Skeen
Crane	Kingston	Smith (MI)
Crenshaw	Kirk	Smith (NJ)
Cubin	Kleczka	Smith (TX)
Culberson	Knollenberg	Souder
Cunningham	Kolbe	Spence
Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	Stearns
Davis, Tom	Largent	Stump
Deal	Latham	Sununu
DeLay	Leach	Sweeney
DeMint	Lewis (KY)	Tauzin
Diaz-Balart	Linder	Taylor (NC)
Dingell	Lipinski	Terry
Doolittle	LoBiondo	Thomas
Dreier	Lucas (OK)	Thornberry
Duncan	Maloney (CT)	Thune
Dunn	Maloney (NY)	Tiahrt
Edwards	Manzullo	Tiberi
Ehlers	McCrery	Toomey
Ehrlich	McHugh	Trafficant
Emerson	McInnis	Upton
English	McKeon	Vitter
Everett	Mica	Walden
Ferguson	Miller (FL)	Walsh
Flake	Miller, Gary	Wamp
Fletcher	Moakley	Watkins
Foley	Mollohan	Watts (OK)
Fossella	Moran (KS)	Waxman
Frelinghuysen	Morella	Weldon (FL)
Galleghy	Myrick	Weldon (PA)
Ganske	Nethercutt	Weller
Gekas	Ney	Whitfield
Gibbons	Northup	Wicker
Gilchrest	Norwood	Wilson
Gillmor	Nussle	Wolf
Gilman	Ortiz	Wu
Goode	Osborne	Young (FL)
Goodlatte	Ose	

NAYS—180

Aderholt	Baird	Barrett
Allen	Baldacci	Becerra
Andrews	Baldwin	Bentsen
Baca	Barcia	Berkley

Berry	Inslee	Pallone
Bishop	Israel	Pascarell
Blagojevich	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)
Borski	(TX)	Phelps
Boswell	Jefferson	Pomeroy
Boucher	John	Price (NC)
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Rahall
Brown (FL)	Jones (OH)	Ramstad
Brown (OH)	Kanjorski	Rangel
Capps	Kaptur	Reyes
Capuano	Kennedy (RI)	Rivers
Cardin	Kilpatrick	Rodriguez
Carson (IN)	Kind (WI)	Roemer
Carson (OK)	Kucinich	Ross
Clay	LaFalce	Rothman
Clayton	Lampson	Roybal-Allard
Clement	Langevin	Rush
Condit	Lantos	Sabo
Costello	Larsen (WA)	Sanchez
Cramer	Larson (CT)	Sanders
Crowley	Lee	Sandlin
Davis (CA)	Levin	Sawyer
Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Schaffer
DeFazio	Lofgren	Schakowsky
DeGette	Lowey	Schiff
Delahunt	Lucas (KY)	Scott
Deutsch	Luther	Serrano
Dicks	Markey	Sherman
Doggett	Mascara	Sisisky
Dooley	Matheson	Slaughter
Doyle	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Engel	McCarthy (MO)	Snyder
Eshoo	McCarthy (NY)	Solis
Etheridge	McCollum	Spratt
Evans	McDermott	Stark
Farr	McGovern	Stenholm
Filner	McIntyre	Strickland
Ford	McKinney	Tanner
Frank	McNulty	Tauscher
Frost	Meehan	Taylor (MS)
Gephardt	Meek (FL)	Thompson (CA)
Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Green (TX)	Menendez	Thurman
Hall (OH)	Millender	Towns
Harman	McDonald	Turner
Hill	Miller, George	Udall (CO)
Hilliard	Mink	Udall (NM)
Hinches	Moore	Velazquez
Hinojosa	Moran (VA)	Visclosky
Hoeffel	Murtha	Waters
Holden	Nadler	Watt (NC)
Holt	Napolitano	Weiner
Honda	Neal	Wexler
Hooley	Oberstar	Woolsey
Hoyer	Obey	Wynn
Hulshof	Oliver	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—21

Ackerman	DeLauro	Platts
Barton	Fattah	Shays
Bonior	Gutierrez	Shows
Burr	Jones (NC)	Skelton
Coyne	LaTourette	Stupak
Cummings	Lewis (CA)	Tierney
Davis (FL)	Owens	Young (AK)

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Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. HARMAN, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Messrs. ROTHMAN, ISRAEL, HOLDEN, KIND, RAHALL, DOOLEY of California, SPRATT, BARCIA, DAVIS of Illinois and WATT of North Carolina changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.