

learn to their fullest potential and that their teachers have the tools necessary to be able to teach them.

The Republican bill does nothing to reduce class size, address the modernization of our schools, and it significantly cuts after-school programs because of a tax cut to the 2,400 wealthiest people in this country.

ONE PERCENT OF AMERICANS OWN 40 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S ASSETS

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

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today my Republican colleagues would like to do away with the estate tax entirely. Democrats propose a way to make sure that 99 percent of Americans do not pay any estate tax.

Who started the estate tax? The Republican, Theodore Roosevelt. Why? Because we did not want two different Americas.

Today in America, 1 percent of the people in America own 40 percent of the assets of America. It is growing bigger and bigger, this gap. Twice as much as it was 20 years ago. What do my colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle want to do? They want to make it worse. They want to give the richest 1 percent of America an enormous tax cut costing our country \$50 billion a year. With Social Security and Medicare going broke, with the \$5.6 trillion national debt, with our public schools falling apart, with needs for a strong defense, our Republican colleagues want to give a huge tax break, unneeded, unnecessary, to the 1 percent richest people in America who already control 40 percent of the Nation's wealth. It is obscene; it is a disgrace.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for the modest estate tax relief under the Democrat bill.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). 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 was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GIBBONS. 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 330, nays 51, answered "present" 2, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 251]

YEAS—330

Abercrombie	Eshoo	Manzullo
Ackerman	Etheridge	Martinez
Allen	Evans	Mascara
Andrews	Everett	McCarthy (MO)
Archer	Ewing	McCarthy (NY)
Armey	Farr	McCreery
Baca	Fletcher	McGovern
Bachus	Foley	McHugh
Baird	Forbes	McInnis
Baker	Ford	McIntosh
Baldacci	Fossella	McIntyre
Baldwin	Fowler	McKeon
Barcia	Frank (MA)	McKinney
Barr	Frelinghuysen	Meehan
Barrett (NE)	Frost	Meek (FL)
Barrett (WI)	Gallegly	Meeks (NY)
Bartlett	Ganske	Menendez
Barton	Gejdenson	Mica
Bass	Gephardt	Millender-
Bateman	Gibbons	McDonald
Becerra	Gilchrest	Miller (FL)
Bentsen	Gonzalez	Miller, Gary
Bereuter	Goode	Minge
Berkley	Goodlatte	Mink
Berman	Gooding	Moakley
Berry	Gordon	Mollohan
Biggert	Graham	Moore
Bilirakis	Granger	Moran (KS)
Bishop	Green (TX)	Moran (VA)
Blagojevich	Green (WI)	Morella
Bliley	Greenwood	Murtha
Blunt	Hall (OH)	Myrick
Boehlert	Hall (TX)	Nadler
Boehner	Hansen	Napolitano
Bonilla	Hastings (WA)	Neal
Bonior	Hayes	Nethercutt
Bono	Hayworth	Ney
Boswell	Herger	Northup
Boucher	Hill (IN)	Nussle
Boyd	Hinchev	Ortiz
Brown (FL)	Hinojosa	Ose
Brown (OH)	Hobson	Owens
Bryant	Hoefel	Oxley
Burr	Holden	Packard
Burton	Horn	Pastor
Buyer	Hostettler	Paul
Callahan	Houghton	Payne
Calvert	Hoyer	Pease
Camp	Hulshof	Peterson (PA)
Campbell	Hunter	Petri
Canady	Hutchinson	Phelps
Cannon	Hyde	Pickering
Capps	Inslee	Pitts
Cardin	Isakson	Pombo
Carson	Jackson (IL)	Portman
Castle	Jenkins	Price (NC)
Chabot	John	Pryce (OH)
Chambliss	Johnson (CT)	Quinn
Clayton	Jones (NC)	Rahall
Clyburn	Jones (OH)	Rangel
Coble	Kanjorski	Regula
Coburn	Kelly	Reyes
Collins	Kennedy	Reynolds
Combest	Kildee	Riley
Condit	Kilpatrick	Rivers
Cook	Kind (WI)	Rodriguez
Cooksey	King (NY)	Roemer
Cox	Kingston	Rogers
Coyne	Kleczka	Rohrabacher
Cramer	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Crowley	Kolbe	Rothman
Cubin	Kuykendall	Roukema
Davis (FL)	LaFalce	Roybal-Allard
Davis (IL)	LaHood	Royce
Davis (VA)	Lampson	Rush
Deal	Lantos	Ryan (WI)
DeGette	Largent	Ryun (KS)
DeLauro	Larson	Salmon
DeMint	LaTourette	Sanchez
Deutsch	Leach	Sanders
Diaz-Balart	Lee	Sandlin
Dicks	Levin	Sanford
Dingell	Lewis (CA)	Sawyer
Doggett	Lewis (KY)	Saxton
Doolittle	Linder	Scarborough
Doyle	Lipinski	Schakowsky
Dreier	Lofgren	Scott
Duncan	Lowe	Sensenbrenner
Dunn	Lucas (KY)	Serrano
Edwards	Lucas (OK)	Sessions
Ehlers	Luther	Shadegg
Emerson	Maloney (CT)	Shaw
Engel	Maloney (NY)	Shays

Sherman	Talent	Walsh
Sherwood	Tanner	Wamp
Shimkus	Tauscher	Watkins
Shows	Tauzin	Watt (NC)
Simpson	Taylor (NC)	Weiner
Sisisky	Terry	Weldon (FL)
Skeen	Thomas	Wexler
Skelton	Thornberry	Weygand
Slaughter	Thune	Whitfield
Smith (NJ)	Tiahrt	Wilson
Smith (TX)	Tierney	Wise
Snyder	Toomey	Wolf
Souder	Trafficant	Woolsey
Spence	Turner	Wu
Spratt	Upton	Wynn
Stabenow	Velazquez	Young (FL)
Stump	Vitter	
Sununu	Walden	

NAYS—51

Aderholt	Jackson-Lee	Schaffer
Bilbray	(TX)	Stark
Borski	Johnson, E. B.	Stenholm
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Strickland
Capuano	Latham	Stupak
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Sweeney
DeFazio	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)
Dickey	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Fattah	Miller, George	Thompson (MS)
Filner	Oberstar	Thurman
Gutierrez	Obey	Udall (CO)
Gutknecht	Oliver	Udall (NM)
Hastings (FL)	Pallone	Visclosky
Hefley	Pascrell	Waters
Hill (MT)	Pickett	Weller
Hilliard	Pomeroy	Wicker
Holt	Ramstad	
Hooley	Sabo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Metcalfe Tancredo

NOT VOTING—51

Ballenger	Franks (NJ)	McDermott
Blumenauer	Gekas	Norwood
Brady (TX)	Gillmor	Pelosi
Chenoweth-Hage	Gilman	Peterson (MN)
Clay	Goss	Porter
Clement	Hilleary	Radanovich
Conyers	Hoekstra	Rogan
Crane	Istook	Shuster
Cummings	Jefferson	Smith (MI)
Cunningham	Johnson, Sam	Smith (WA)
Danner	Kaptur	Stearns
Delahunt	Kasich	Towns
DeLay	Klink	Vento
Dixon	Lazio	Watts (OK)
Dooley	Markey	Waxman
Ehrlich	Matsui	Weldon (PA)
English	McCollum	Young (AK)

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

Mrs. WILSON changed her vote from "nay" to "yea".

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

DEATH TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 2000

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 519, I call up the bill (H.R. 8) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). Pursuant to House Resolution 519, the bill is considered read for amendment.

The text of H.R. 8 is as follows: