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Ryan (KS)
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Taylor (MS)

Owens
Sanchez
Thomas

Oxley
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Thompson (CA)

Pallone
Sandlin
Thompson (MS)

Pascrell
Sawyer
Terry

Pastor
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Thornberry

Paul
Schakowsky
Toucey

Payne
Schiff
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Petersen (MN)
Sensenbrenner
Tierreyn

Petersen (PA)
Serrano
Tierney

Petri
Sessions
Towns

Philips
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Townsend

Pickering
Shaw
Trafficcant

Pitts
Shaughnessy
Turner

Platts
Sherman
Udall (CO)

Pombo
Shewool
Udall (NM)

Pomeroy
Shimkus
Upton

Portman
Shows
Velazquez

Price (NC)
Skinner
Vilas (WI)

Price (OH)
Simmons
Vitter

Putnam
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Walden

Quinn
Shenk
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Watermark

Ramstad
Smith (MI)
Watkins (OK)

Regula
Smith (NJ)
Watson (CA)

Rehberg
Smith (MT)
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Reyes
Smith (WA)
Weimar

Reynolds
Snider
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Riley
Solis
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Souder
Weldon (FL)

Rodriguez
Spratt
Weldon (PA)

Roemer
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Ross-Lee
Stump
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Rotman
Suozzi
Woolsey

Roukema
Sweeney
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Royal-Wallace
Tancredo
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Rush
 Tanner
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—17

Conyers
Lipinski
Royce

Davis (IL)
Maloney (NY)
Saxton

Fossella
McKeon
Taylor (NC)

Kelly
Metcalf (NY)
Watson (NC)

Kilpatrick
Ortiz
Young (AK)

Largent
Rangel

Mr. BERCERRA and Mr. STARK changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the vote on H.R. 2882. Had I been able to return from the Pentagon, I would have voted in strong support for H.R. 2882, to expedite relief for the families of law enforcement officers lost in this terrible tragedy.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 339 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

YES VOTE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 61, CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall 338, which occurred on September 12, 2001, unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to be here to vote on this important resolution. I would like to take this opportunity to state for the Record that had I been here, I would have voted "yea" on House Joint Resolution 61, condemning the cowardly terrorist attacks which took place on September 11.

I spent part of yesterday visiting the rescue operation team at the World Trade Center in their attempt to find more survivors within the rubble. I still find it difficult to recount the horrors that I witnessed, but I assure my colleagues that what I saw is unprecedented in the history of our country. It reaffirms my faith, though, in America and in this Congress that has moved so quickly, with such force and unity, to condemn these attacks and has guaranteed the support of the people of the United States for New York City, for Washington, D.C., and for all the victims of this vicious, vicious attack.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATORRETTA). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATORRETTA) at 1 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

VICTIMS OF TERRORISM RELIEF ACT OF 2001

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2884) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; that the bill be considered as read for amendment; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member, or his designee, and one motion to recommit.

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the bill (H.R. 2884) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of H.R. 2884 is as follows:

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Victims of Terrorism Relief Act of 2001”.

SEC. 2. INCOME TAXES OF VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS.

(a) In General.—Section 692 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to income taxes of members of Armed Forces on death) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) Certain Individuals Dying as a Result of September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks.”

(1) In General.—In the case of any individual who dies as a result of wounds or injury incurred as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, any tax imposed by this subtitle shall not apply—

“(A) with respect to the taxable year in which falls the date of such individual’s death, and

“(B) with respect to any prior taxable year in the period beginning with the last taxable year ending before the taxable year in which the wounds or injury were incurred.

“(2) Exception.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an individual whom the Secretary determines was a perpetrator of any such terrorist attack.”

(b) Conforming and Clerical Amendments.—

(1) The heading of section 692 of such Code is amended to read as follows: “SEC. 692. INCOME TAXES OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES ON DEATH AND VICTIMS OF CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS.”

(2) The item relating to section 692 in the table of sections for part II of subchapter J of chapter 1 of such Code is amended to read as follows: “Sec. 692. Income taxes of members of Armed Forces on death and victims of certain terrorist attacks.”

(3) Section 50(c)(1) of such Code is amended by inserting “and victims of certain terrorist attacks” after “on death”.

(4) Section 6013(f)(2)(B) of such Code is amended by inserting “and victims of certain terrorist attacks” as follows:

“On or after “

(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending on or after September 11, 2001.

RELIEF FROM ADDITIONAL ESTATE TAX.

(a) In General.—Section 2201 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “The additional estate tax,” and

(2) by adding at the end the following: