

It is time that we do tax reform again. We should do tax reform, we should not attack those working for the IRS. Today they are working the last couple of weeks, and they will continue to work for us to collect our taxes to run this country. We need tax reform, we need simplification, but let us do it in the right way. These ploys are overused, overdone, and we should absolutely not pass this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON). Pursuant to the order of the House of today, further consideration of House Joint Resolution 62 will be postponed until after disposition of the two motions to suspend the rules on which proceedings were postponed earlier today.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 1226, by the yeas and nays; and House Resolution 109, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the second electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

#### TAXPAYER BROWSING PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1226, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1226, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 76]

YEAS—412

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| Abercrombie  | Berman      | Burr        |
| Ackerman     | Berry       | Burton      |
| Aderholt     | Bilirakis   | Buyer       |
| Allen        | Bishop      | Callahan    |
| Andrews      | Blagojevich | Calvert     |
| Archer       | Bliley      | Camp        |
| Armey        | Blumenauer  | Campbell    |
| Bachus       | Blunt       | Canady      |
| Baesler      | Boehlert    | Cannon      |
| Baker        | Boehner     | Capps       |
| Baldacci     | Bonilla     | Cardin      |
| Ballenger    | Bonior      | Castle      |
| Barcia       | Bono        | Chabot      |
| Barr         | Borski      | Chambliss   |
| Barrett (NE) | Boswell     | Chenoweth   |
| Barrett (WI) | Boucher     | Christensen |
| Bartlett     | Boyd        | Clay        |
| Barton       | Brady       | Clayton     |
| Bass         | Brown (CA)  | Clement     |
| Bateman      | Brown (FL)  | Clyburn     |
| Becerra      | Brown (OH)  | Coble       |
| Bentsen      | Bryant      | Coburn      |
| Bereuter     | Bunning     | Collins     |

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| Combest       | Hinojosa       | Morella       |
| Condit        | Hobson         | Murtha        |
| Cook          | Hoekstra       | Myrick        |
| Cooksey       | Holden         | Nadler        |
| Cox           | Hooley         | Neal          |
| Coyne         | Horn           | Nethercutt    |
| Cramer        | Hostettler     | Neumann       |
| Crane         | Houghton       | Ney           |
| Crapo         | Hoyer          | Northup       |
| Cubin         | Hulshof        | Norwood       |
| Cummings      | Hunter         | Nussle        |
| Cunningham    | Hutchinson     | Oberstar      |
| Davis (FL)    | Hyde           | Obey          |
| Davis (IL)    | Jackson (IL)   | Oliver        |
| Davis (VA)    | Jackson-Lee    | Ortiz         |
| Deal          | (TX)           | Oxley         |
| DeFazio       | Jefferson      | Packard       |
| DeGette       | Jenkins        | Pallone       |
| Delahunt      | John           | Pappas        |
| DeLauro       | Johnson (CT)   | Parker        |
| DeLay         | Johnson (WI)   | Pascrell      |
| Dellums       | Johnson, E. B. | Pastor        |
| Deutsch       | Johnson, Sam   | Paul          |
| Diaz-Balart   | Jones          | Paxon         |
| Dickey        | Kanjorski      | Payne         |
| Dicks         | Kaptur         | Pease         |
| Dingell       | Kasich         | Pelosi        |
| Dixon         | Kelly          | Peterson (MN) |
| Doggett       | Kennedy (MA)   | Peterson (PA) |
| Dooley        | Kennedy (RI)   | Petri         |
| Doolittle     | Kennelly       | Pickering     |
| Doyle         | Kildee         | Pickett       |
| Dreier        | Kim            | Pitts         |
| Duncan        | Kind (WI)      | Pombo         |
| Dunn          | Kingston       | Pomeroy       |
| Edwards       | Klecza         | Porter        |
| Ehlers        | Klink          | Portman       |
| Ehrlich       | Klug           | Poshard       |
| Emerson       | Knollenberg    | Price (NC)    |
| Engel         | Kolbe          | Pryce (OH)    |
| English       | Kucinich       | Quinn         |
| Ensign        | LaFalce        | Radanovich    |
| Eshoo         | LaHood         | Rahall        |
| Etheridge     | Lampson        | Ramstad       |
| Evans         | Lantos         | Regula        |
| Everett       | Largent        | Reyes         |
| Ewing         | Latham         | Riggs         |
| Farr          | LaTourette     | Riley         |
| Fattah        | Lazio          | Rivers        |
| Fawell        | Leach          | Roemer        |
| Fazio         | Levin          | Rogan         |
| Filner        | Lewis (CA)     | Rogers        |
| Foglietta     | Lewis (GA)     | Rohrabacher   |
| Foley         | Lewis (KY)     | Ros-Lehtinen  |
| Forbes        | Linder         | Rothman       |
| Ford          | Lipinski       | Roukema       |
| Fowler        | Livingston     | Roybal-Allard |
| Fox           | LoBiondo       | Royce         |
| Frank (MA)    | Lofgren        | Rush          |
| Franks (NJ)   | Lucas          | Ryun          |
| Frelinghuysen | Luther         | Sabo          |
| Frost         | Maloney (CT)   | Salmon        |
| Furse         | Maloney (NY)   | Sanchez       |
| Galleghy      | Manzullo       | Sanders       |
| Ganske        | Markey         | Sandlin       |
| Gejdenson     | Martinez       | Sanford       |
| Gekas         | Mascara        | Saxton        |
| Gephardt      | Matsui         | Scarborough   |
| Gibbons       | McCarthy (MO)  | Schaefer, Dan |
| Gilchrest     | McCarthy (NY)  | Schaffer, Bob |
| Gillum        | McCollum       | Schumer       |
| Gilman        | McCrery        | Scott         |
| Gonzalez      | McDade         | Sensenbrenner |
| Goode         | McDermott      | Serrano       |
| Goodlatte     | McGovern       | Sessions      |
| Goodling      | McHale         | Shadegg       |
| Gordon        | McHugh         | Shaw          |
| Goss          | McInnis        | Shays         |
| Graham        | McIntosh       | Sherman       |
| Granger       | McIntyre       | Shimkus       |
| Green         | McKeon         | Shuster       |
| Greenwood     | McKinney       | Sisisky       |
| Gutierrez     | McNulty        | Skaggs        |
| Gutknecht     | Meehan         | Skeen         |
| Hall (OH)     | Meek           | Skelton       |
| Hall (TX)     | Menendez       | Slaughter     |
| Hamilton      | Metcalf        | Smith (MI)    |
| Hansen        | Mica           | Smith (NJ)    |
| Harman        | Millender-     | Smith (OR)    |
| Hastert       | McDonald       | Smith (TX)    |
| Hastings (FL) | Miller (CA)    | Smith, Adam   |
| Hastings (WA) | Miller (FL)    | Smith, Linda  |
| Hayworth      | Minge          | Snowbarger    |
| Hefley        | Mink           | Snyder        |
| Hefner        | Moakley        | Solomon       |
| Herger        | Molinar        | Spence        |
| Hill          | Mollohan       | Spratt        |
| Hilliard      | Moran (KS)     | Stabenow      |
| Hinche        | Moran (VA)     | Stark         |

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| Stearns     | Thune     | Watts (OK)  |
| Stenholm    | Thurman   | Waxman      |
| Stokes      | Tiahrt    | Weldon (FL) |
| Strickland  | Tierney   | Weldon (PA) |
| Stump       | Torres    | Weller      |
| Stupak      | Trafigant | Weygand     |
| Sununu      | Turner    | White       |
| Talent      | Upton     | Whitfield   |
| Tanner      | Velazquez | Wicker      |
| Tauscher    | Vento     | Wise        |
| Tauzin      | Visclosky | Wolf        |
| Taylor (MS) | Walsh     | Woolsey     |
| Taylor (NC) | Wamp      | Wynn        |
| Thomas      | Waters    | Yates       |
| Thompson    | Watkins   | Young (AK)  |
| Thornberry  | Watt (NC) | Young (FL)  |

#### NOT VOTING—20

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| Billbray | Inglis     | Rangel |
| Carson   | Istook     | Sawyer |
| Conyers  | Kilpatrick | Schiff |
| Costello | King (NY)  | Souder |
| Danner   | Lowey      | Towns  |
| Flake    | Manton     | Wexler |
| Hilleary | Owens      |        |

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 76 I was unavoidably detained from the House Chamber. Had I been present I would have cast my vote as a "yea."

#### SENSE OF HOUSE ON FAMILY TAX RELIEF

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 109.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 109, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 77]

YEAS—412

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Abercrombie  | Berman      | Burr        |
| Ackerman     | Berry       | Burton      |
| Aderholt     | Bilirakis   | Buyer       |
| Allen        | Bishop      | Callahan    |
| Andrews      | Blagojevich | Calvert     |
| Archer       | Bliley      | Camp        |
| Armey        | Blumenauer  | Campbell    |
| Bachus       | Blunt       | Canady      |
| Baesler      | Boehlert    | Cannon      |
| Baker        | Boehner     | Capps       |
| Baldacci     | Bonilla     | Cardin      |
| Ballenger    | Bonior      | Castle      |
| Barcia       | Bono        | Chabot      |
| Barr         | Borski      | Chambliss   |
| Barrett (NE) | Boswell     | Chenoweth   |
| Barrett (WI) | Boucher     | Christensen |
| Bartlett     | Boyd        | Clay        |
| Barton       | Brady       | Clayton     |
| Bass         | Brown (CA)  | Clement     |
| Bateman      | Brown (FL)  | Clyburn     |
| Becerra      | Brown (OH)  | Coble       |
| Bentsen      | Bryant      | Coburn      |
| Bereuter     | Bunning     | Collins     |

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| Combest       | Hinchey        | Moran (KS)    |
| Condit        | Hinojosa       | Moran (VA)    |
| Conyers       | Hobson         | Morella       |
| Cook          | Hoekstra       | Murtha        |
| Cooksey       | Holden         | Myrick        |
| Cox           | Hooley         | Nadler        |
| Coyne         | Horn           | Neal          |
| Cramer        | Hostettler     | Nethercutt    |
| Crane         | Houghton       | Neumann       |
| Crapo         | Hoyer          | Ney           |
| Cubin         | Hulshof        | Northup       |
| Cummings      | Hunter         | Norwood       |
| Cunningham    | Hutchinson     | Nussle        |
| Davis (FL)    | Hyde           | Oberstar      |
| Davis (IL)    | Inglis         | Obey          |
| Davis (VA)    | Jackson (IL)   | Olver         |
| Deal          | Jackson-Lee    | Ortiz         |
| DeFazio       | (TX)           | Oxley         |
| DeGette       | Jefferson      | Packard       |
| DeLauro       | Jenkins        | Pallone       |
| DeLay         | John           | Pappas        |
| Dellums       | Johnson (CT)   | Parker        |
| Deutsch       | Johnson (WI)   | Pascarell     |
| Diaz-Balart   | Johnson, E. B. | Pastor        |
| Dickey        | Johnson, Sam   | Paul          |
| Dicks         | Jones          | Paxon         |
| Dingell       | Kanjorski      | Payne         |
| Dixon         | Kaptur         | Pease         |
| Doggett       | Kasich         | Pelosi        |
| Dooley        | Kelly          | Peterson (MN) |
| Doolittle     | Kennedy (MA)   | Peterson (PA) |
| Doyle         | Kennedy (RI)   | Petri         |
| Dreier        | Kennelly       | Pickering     |
| Duncan        | Kildee         | Pickett       |
| Dunn          | Kim            | Pitts         |
| Edwards       | Kind (WI)      | Pombo         |
| Ehlers        | Kingston       | Pomeroy       |
| Ehrlich       | Klecza         | Porter        |
| Emerson       | Klink          | Portman       |
| Engel         | Klug           | Poshard       |
| English       | Knollenberg    | Price (NC)    |
| Ensign        | Kolbe          | Pryce (OH)    |
| Eshoo         | Kucinich       | Quinn         |
| Etheridge     | LaFalce        | Radanovich    |
| Evans         | LaHood         | Rahall        |
| Everett       | Lampson        | Ramstad       |
| Ewing         | Lantos         | Regula        |
| Farr          | Largent        | Reyes         |
| Fattah        | Latham         | Riggs         |
| Fawell        | LaTourette     | Riley         |
| Fazio         | Lazio          | Rivers        |
| Filner        | Leach          | Roemer        |
| Foglietta     | Levin          | Rogan         |
| Foley         | Lewis (CA)     | Rogers        |
| Forbes        | Lewis (GA)     | Rohrabacher   |
| Ford          | Lewis (KY)     | Ros-Lehtinen  |
| Fowler        | Linder         | Rothman       |
| Fox           | Lipinski       | Roukema       |
| Frank (MA)    | Livingston     | Roybal-Allard |
| Franks (NJ)   | LoBiondo       | Royce         |
| Frelinghuysen | Lofgren        | Rush          |
| Frost         | Lucas          | Ryun          |
| Furse         | Luther         | Sabo          |
| Gallegly      | Maloney (CT)   | Salmon        |
| Ganske        | Maloney (NY)   | Sanchez       |
| Gejdenson     | Manzullo       | Sanders       |
| Gekas         | Markey         | Sanford       |
| Gephardt      | Martinez       | Saxton        |
| Gibbons       | Mascara        | Scarborough   |
| Gilchrest     | Matsui         | Schaefer, Dan |
| Gillmor       | McCarthy (MO)  | Schaffer, Bob |
| Gilman        | McCarthy (NY)  | Schumer       |
| Gonzalez      | McCollum       | Scott         |
| Goode         | McCrery        | Sensenbrenner |
| Goodlatte     | McDade         | Serrano       |
| Goodling      | McDermott      | Sessions      |
| Gordon        | McGovern       | Shadegg       |
| Goss          | McHale         | Shaw          |
| Graham        | McHugh         | Shays         |
| Granger       | McInnis        | Sherman       |
| Green         | McIntosh       | Shinkus       |
| Greenwood     | McIntyre       | Shuster       |
| Gutierrez     | McKeon         | Sisisky       |
| Gutknecht     | McKinney       | Skaggs        |
| Hall (OH)     | McNulty        | Skelton       |
| Hall (TX)     | Meehan         | Slaughter     |
| Hamilton      | Meek           | Smith (MI)    |
| Hansen        | Menendez       | Smith (NJ)    |
| Harman        | Metcalf        | Smith (OR)    |
| Hastert       | Mica           | Smith, Adam   |
| Hastings (FL) | Millender      | Smith, Linda  |
| Hastings (WA) | McDonald       | Snowbarger    |
| Hayworth      | Miller (CA)    | Snyder        |
| Hefley        | Miller (FL)    | Solomon       |
| Hefner        | Minge          | Spence        |
| Herger        | Mink           | Spratt        |
| Hill          | Moakley        | Stabenow      |
| Hilleary      | Molinari       | Stark         |
| Hilliard      | Mollohan       | Stearns       |

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| Stenholm    | Thurman    | Waxman      |
| Stokes      | Tiahrt     | Weldon (FL) |
| Strickland  | Tierney    | Weldon (PA) |
| Stump       | Torres     | Weller      |
| Stupak      | Trafficant | Wexler      |
| Sununu      | Turner     | Weygand     |
| Talent      | Upton      | White       |
| Tanner      | Velazquez  | Whitfield   |
| Tauscher    | Vento      | Wicker      |
| Tauzin      | Visclosky  | Wise        |
| Taylor (MS) | Walsh      | Wolf        |
| Taylor (NC) | Wamp       | Woolsey     |
| Thomas      | Waters     | Wynn        |
| Thompson    | Watkins    | Yates       |
| Thornberry  | Watt (NC)  | Young (AK)  |
| Thune       | Watts (OK) | Young (FL)  |

## NOT VOTING—20

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| Bilbray  | Kilpatrick | Sawyer     |
| Carson   | King (NY)  | Schiff     |
| Costello | Lowey      | Skeen      |
| Danner   | Manton     | Smith (TX) |
| Delahunt | Owens      | Souder     |
| Flake    | Rangel     | Towns      |
| Istook   | Sandlin    |            |

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I was regretably and unavoidably detained on my way to the House floor this afternoon, and as a result was not present for rollcall votes No. 76 and No. 77—H.R. 1226, the Taxpayer Browsing Relief Act, and House Resolution 109, a sense of Congress on family tax relief.

Had I been present, I would have certainly voted "yea" on both measures.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, because I was unavoidably detained in the 15th Congressional District of Michigan, I was not present at rollcall vote No. 76 and rollcall vote No. 77. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall vote No. 76 and "yea" for rollcall vote No. 77.

## TAX LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 62) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOLOMON). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] has 36½ minutes remaining, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON] has 19½ minutes remaining, and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SCOTT] has 43½ minutes remaining.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS].

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the tax limitation amendment. What could I say in this short amount of time that would change many Members on that side of the aisle? I thought carefully about it. Did all of my colleagues know, perhaps they heard this before, that the Constitution has been amended 27 times? Perhaps they did not know in the first 4 years of this country's history they amended the Constitution 10 times. Perhaps they did not know this, but at that point they prohibited any taxes at all.

Mr. Speaker, the Founding Fathers did not want to have any taxes. They were interested in perhaps real estate taxes or a sales tax, but they did not honestly believe in taxing up to 39.5 percent, almost 40 percent. When you add State income tax and local taxes, you are talking about for people, some people are paying 55 percent.

Our Founding Fathers 220 years ago, of course, had the foresight to use supermajority for certain things. Impeachment, talking about expelling a Member of Congress, overriding the veto, they foresaw the need for a supermajority. They understood firsthand what could happen with corruption and power. The power to tax is what we are talking about today, the ruination of overtaxation. The gentleman from Texas is simply offering an amendment to slow this process down.

Quite simply, our forefathers fought a war to ensure freedom from unchecked oppression. They fought a war basically to prevent ruination of taxation, which we have today. So the gentleman from Texas is simply trying to stop this by saying let us have a two-thirds majority.

The American people do not like and trust their Government. They have said that over and over again. It is 1997, and the Government needs to be put in check just like the modern-day King George III which we are trying to do today what our forefathers tried to do when they started this country. Over the past 40 years, Congress has continually increased taxes. Since 1981, there have been 19 separate tax increases, in 1993, the largest tax increase in history. It is obvious to anybody who has studied the political landscape, if we do not have this amendment, we will have increased taxes. Mr. Speaker, we increased taxes on airline tickets, and I am ashamed that we passed that vote without a counterbalancing amendment to make it budget neutral.

In 1775, the rallying cry was no taxation without representation. Here we are, over 200 years later, and it has not changed. The American taxpayers are fed up. They are looking at bloated bureaucracy and they want a change.

Daniel Webster once said, the power to tax is the power to destroy. This afternoon, these words ring with resonance on April 15. What we want to do here is very, very simple. We only want to make it harder to raise taxes, to make it just a little bit more difficult