

can deduct it in the year of purchase rather than a depreciation schedule where the deduction is reduced by inflation; "FARRM" IRA accounts so, in good years, farmers can put some money aside as a reduction in income and pay taxes on it when they use it in future low-income years; AMT, doing away with it so farmers are not forced to pay taxes when there is no profit. Mr. Speaker, we need the tax relief for farmers. We need to help expand exports. We need to stop other countries from dumping their surplus on our markets. We need a better risk insurance program for crops, and we need an emergency supplemental. We need to help our farmers.

WE NEED TO BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY WITH FEDERAL BUDGET AND SURPLUS

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

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1981, then President Reagan pushed through the Congress and then signed a tax cut bill that, in the words of then budget director Dick Stockman, gave us budget deficits as far as the eye could see. Those budget deficits in 1993 approached \$300 billion a year and a national debt approaching \$5 trillion a year.

The Clinton budget resolution of 1993 corrected all of that. We are now moving into a situation of budget surpluses, and we have begun to pay down the national debt. Now, because of that, the Republicans are again proposing another tax cut similar to the one in 1981 which would duplicate that process all over again. It is a serious error which we need to ensure does not take place.

With this tax cut, if it passes and it were to be signed, there would be no money for education, no money for social security, no money for Medicare. Let us make sure we behave in a responsible way with this Federal budget and ensure the future of our children and the security of our parents and grandparents.

ADMINISTRATION MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR LOSING NUCLEAR SECRETS TO CHINA

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, apparently the other side thinks we need a 25 percent tax increase. I would disagree with that. I think we need a tax reduction.

But yesterday, in Georgia, someone won \$116 million for buying a \$2 lottery ticket. That seems like a great exchange. It is. But that is not nearly as good as the deal the Communist Chinese received when they obtained billions of dollars of nuclear weapons se-

crets from our own Department of Energy.

Well, it is not about selling out to the Communist Chinese; it is about the Clinton administration's poor management of our Nation's most important secrets. They knew that the Chinese were obtaining nuclear secrets at the same time they were receiving illegal campaign contributions from the Chinese, and they did nothing.

The administration must be held accountable. We need to eliminate the Department of Energy and transfer all nuclear funds to the Department of Defense where at least they have a culture of keeping secrets.

BRING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LEGISLATION TO THE FLOOR

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

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today millions of Americans will go to work and conduct business on the World Wide Web. Millions of Americans will send e-mail messages to each other. Millions of consumers will buy goods and services over the Internet.

But next month, millions of American children will go back to schools that are out of the 1950s where they get half an hour a week on a computer if they are lucky. What is worse than that, there will be students going to schools that were built during the Civil War. There will be children taking gym class in the hallway, children taking reading classes in broom closets.

America's schools need to be modernized. We certainly can take just a piece of the largess of the Federal surplus and invest it back into a quality public school system.

I stand before my colleagues as one of the proud cosponsors of the Democratic school construction legislation. I just signed a petition which said bring that bill to the floor. Give us a vote so we can modernize and improve America's schools.

IT IS TIME FOR RESPONSIBLE TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING AMERICANS

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

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, the average middle-class American family earning the median income around \$39,000 a year or so pays over 40 percent of its gross income in taxes. Meanwhile, Washington is taking the highest share of our whole economy in taxes in over two centuries of the Nation's peace-time history.

The tax relief bill passed by this House will help working Americans. But it will first lock away 100 percent of Social Security taxes for retirement security and set aside \$2 trillion for Social Security and Medicare over the next 10 years. It will pay down the na-

tional debt, \$227 billion more in debt relief than the Democratic minority proposal.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for responsible tax relief for working Americans.

SUPPORT SCHOOL MODERNIZATION LEGISLATION

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, that we even have to debate the need for school modernization defies logic. Some congressional issues are simply nothing more than common sense, and this issue is one.

For years now, Democrats have been trying to enact a meaningful school modernization initiative. When I came to Congress in 1997, I joined these efforts and cosponsored legislation to address this crisis. But we have been consistently blocked by the majority. America's children are ultimately the victims of this disregard.

It boils down to two crucial points, crumbling schools and overcrowding. Quite simply, our schools are run down and out of room. Conditions are so poor that we would have to spend \$112 billion to make the basic repairs needed.

The Public School Modernization Act of 1999 would help local communities meet that \$122 billion backlog in school modernization needs documented by the nonpartisan General Accounting Office.

Ultimately, it is about ensuring that our children get safe, clean, and modern schools.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to 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.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any further votes on suspension motions postponed from yesterday.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 366, noes 56, answered "present" 1, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 367]
YEAS—366

Ackerman	Baker	Barr
Allen	Baldacci	Barrett (NE)
Andrews	Baldwin	Barrett (WI)
Archer	Ballenger	Bartlett
Bachus	Barcia	Barton

Bass	Frelinghuysen	McCollum	Skeen	Tauzin	Watkins	Bliley	Gilman	McIntyre
Bateman	Frost	McCrary	Skelton	Taylor (NC)	Watt (NC)	Blumenauer	Gonzalez	McKeon
Becerra	Gallegher	McGovern	Smith (MI)	Terry	Watts (OK)	Blunt	Goodlatte	McKinney
Bentsen	Ganske	McHugh	Smith (NJ)	Thomas	Waxman	Boehlert	Goodling	McNulty
Bereuter	Gejdenson	McInnis	Smith (TX)	Thornberry	Weiner	Boehner	Gordon	Meehan
Berkley	Gekas	McIntosh	Smith (WA)	Thune	Weldon (FL)	Bonilla	Goss	Meek (FL)
Berman	Gephardt	McIntyre	Snyder	Thurman	Weldon (PA)	Bono	Graham	Meeks (NY)
Berry	Gibbons	McKeon	Souder	Tiahrt	Wexler	Borski	Granger	Menendez
Biggert	Gilchrest	Meehan	Spence	Tierney	Weygand	Boswell	Green (WI)	Metcalf
Bilirakis	Gillmor	Meek (FL)	Spratt	Toomey	Whitfield	Boucher	Greenwood	Mica
Bishop	Gilman	Meeks (NY)	Stabenow	Towns	Wicker	Boyd	Gutierrez	Millender-
Blagojevich	Gonzalez	Menendez	Stearns	Traficant	Wilson	Brady (PA)	Gutknecht	McDonald
Bliley	Goode	Metcalf	Stenholm	Turner	Wise	Brady (TX)	Hall (OH)	Miller (FL)
Blumenauer	Goodlatte	Mica	Strickland	Upton	Woolsey	Brown (FL)	Hall (TX)	Miller, Gary
Blunt	Goodling	Millender-	Stump	Vitter	Wu	Bryant	Hansen	Minge
Boehlert	Gordon	McDonald	Sununu	Walden	Wynn	Burr	Hastings (FL)	Mollohan
Boehner	Goss	Miller (FL)	Talent	Walsh	Young (AK)	Burton	Hastings (WA)	Moore
Bonilla	Graham	Miller, Gary	Tanner	Wamp	Young (FL)	Buyer	Hayes	Moran (KS)
Bonior	Granger	Minge	Tauscher	Waters		Callahan	Hayworth	Moran (VA)
Bono	Green (WI)	Moakley				Calvert	Hefley	Morella
Boswell	Greenwood	Mollohan				Camp	Herger	Murtha
Boucher	Hall (OH)	Moore	Abercrombie	Hill (MT)	Ramstad	Campbell	Hill (IN)	Myrick
Boyd	Hall (TX)	Moran (VA)	Aderholt	Hilleary	Riley	Canady	Hill (MT)	Nadler
Brady (PA)	Hansen	Morella	Baird	Hilliard	Rogan	Cannon	Hilleary	Napolitano
Brady (TX)	Hastings (FL)	Murtha	Borski	Hinchey	Sabo	Capps	Hilliard	Neal
Brown (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Myrick	Brown (OH)	Hoyer	Schaffer	Cardin	Hinojosa	Nethercutt
Bryant	Hayes	Nadler	Chenoweth	Hutchinson	Slaughter	Carson	Hobson	Ney
Burr	Hayworth	Napolitano	Clay	Johnson, E. B.	Stark	Castle	Hoefel	Northup
Burton	Healey	Neal	Condit	Kucinich	Stupak	Chabot	Hoekstra	Norwood
Buyer	Herger	Nethercutt	Costello	Lewis (GA)	Sweeney	Chambliss	Holden	Nussle
Callahan	Hill (IN)	Ney	Crane	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)	Clay	Holt	Oberstar
Calvert	Hinojosa	Northup	Crowley	McKinney	Thompson (CA)	Clayton	Hooley	Obey
Camp	Hobson	Norwood	Defazio	McNulty	Udall (CO)	Clement	Horn	Olver
Campbell	Hoeffel	Nussle	Dickey	Mink	Udall (NM)	Clyburn	Hostettler	Ortiz
Canady	Hoekstra	Obey	English	Moran (KS)	Velazquez	Coble	Houghton	Ose
Cannon	Holden	Ortiz	Evans	Oberstar	Vento	Coburn	Hulshof	Oxley
Capps	Holt	Ose	Filner	Olver	Visclosky	Collins	Hutchinson	Packard
Capuano	Hooley	Owens	Green (TX)	Pallone	Weller	Combest	Hyde	Pallone
Cardin	Horn	Oxley	Gutierrez	Peterson (MN)	Wolf	Condit	Inslee	Pascrell
Carson	Hostettler	Packard	Gutknecht	Pickett		Conyers	Isakson	Pastor
Castle	Houghton	Pascrall				Cook	Istook	Payne
Chabot	Hulshof	Pastor				Cooksey	Jackson (IL)	Pease
Chambliss	Hunter	Paul				Costello	Jackson-Lee	Pelosi
Clayton	Hyde	Payne				Coyne	(TX)	Peterson (MN)
Clement	Inslee	Pease				Cramer	Jenkins	Petri
Clyburn	Isakson	Pelosi				Crane	John	Phelps
Coble	Istook	Petri				Crowley	Johnson (CT)	Pickering
Coburn	Jackson (IL)	Phelps				Cubin	Johnson, E. B.	Pickett
Collins	Jackson-Lee	Pickering				Cummings	Johnson, Sam	Pitts
Combest	(TX)	Pitts				Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Pombo
Conyers	Jenkins	Pombo				Danner	Jones (OH)	Pomeroy
Cook	John	Pomeroy				Davis (FL)	Kasich	Porter
Cooksey	Johnson (CT)	Porter				Davis (VA)	Kelly	Portman
Cox	Johnson, Sam	Portman				Deal	Kennedy	Price (NC)
Coyne	Jones (NC)	Price (NC)				DeGette	Kildee	Pryce (OH)
Cramer	Jones (OH)	Pryce (OH)				Delahunt	Kilpatrick	Quinn
Cubin	Kanjorski	Quinn				DeLauro	Kind (WI)	Rahall
Cummings	Kaptur	Radanovich				DeLay	King (NY)	Ramstad
Cunningham	Kasich	Rahall				DeMint	Kingston	Regula
Danner	Kelly	Rangel				Deutsch	Kleckza	Reyes
Davis (FL)	Kennedy	Regula				Diaz-Balart	Klink	Reynolds
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Reyes				Dickey	Knollenberg	Riley
Davis (VA)	Kilpatrick	Reynolds				Dicks	Kolbe	Rivers
Deal	Kind (WI)	Rivers				Dixon	Kuykendall	Rodriguez
DeGette	King (NY)	Rodriguez				Doggett	LaFalce	Roemer
Delahunt	Kingston	Roemer				Dooley	LaHood	Rogan
DeLauro	Kleckza	Rogers				Doolittle	Lampson	Rogers
DeLay	Klink	Rohrabacher				Doyle	Largent	Rohrabacher
DeMint	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen				Dreier	Larson	Ros-Lehtinen
Deutsch	Kolbe	Rothman				Dunn	Latham	Royal-Allard
Diaz-Balart	Kuykendall	Roukema				Edwards	LaTourette	Royce
Dicks	LaFalce	Royal-Allard				Ehlers	Lazio	Rush
Dingell	LaHood	Royce				Ehrlich	Leach	Ryan (WI)
Dixon	Lampson	Rush				Emerson	Levin	Ryun (KS)
Doggett	Largent	Ryan (WI)				Engel	Lewis (CA)	Sabo
Dooley	Larson	Ryan (KS)				English	Lewis (GA)	Salmon
Doolittle	Latham	Salmon				Eshoo	Lewis (KY)	Sanchez
Doyle	LaTourette	Sanchez				Etheridge	Linder	Sandlin
Dreier	Lazio	Sanders				Evans	Lipinski	Sanford
Duncan	Leach	Sandlin				Everett	LoBiondo	Sawyer
Dunn	Lee	Sanford				Ewing	Lofgren	Scarborough
Edwards	Levin	Sawyer				Farr	Lowey	Schaffer
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Saxton				Fletcher	Lucas (KY)	Scott
Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)	Scarborough				Foley	Lucas (OK)	Sensenbrenner
Emerson	Linder	Schakowsky				Ford	Luther	Serrano
Engel	Lipinski	Scott				Fossella	Maloney (CT)	Sessions
Eshoo	Lofgren	Sensenbrenner				Fowler	Maloney (NY)	Shadegg
Etheridge	Lowey	Serrano				Frank (MA)	Manzullo	Shaw
Everett	Lucas (KY)	Sessions				Franks (NJ)	Markey	Shays
Ewing	Lucas (OK)	Shadegg				Frelinghuysen	Martinez	Sherman
Farr	Luther	Shaw				Frost	Mascara	Sherwood
Fletcher	Maloney (CT)	Shays				Gallegher	Matsui	Shimkus
Foley	Manzullo	Sherman				Ganske	McCarthy (MO)	Shuster
Forbes	Markey	Sherwood				Gejdenson	McCarthy (NY)	Simpson
Ford	Martinez	Shimkus				Allen	Berkley	Sisisky
Fossella	Mascara	Shows				Barrett (NE)	Berman	Skelton
Fowler	Matsui	Shuster				Barrett (WI)	Gekas	Smith (MI)
Frank (MA)	McCarthy (MO)	Simpson				Baker	Barton	Smith (NJ)
Franks (NJ)	McCarthy (NY)	Sisisky				Baldacci	Berry	
						Bentzen	Biggert	
							Bilirakis	
							Bishop	
							Becerra	
							Bilirakis	
							Bishop	
							Bentzen	

NAYS—56

NOT VOTING—10

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Mr. ABERCROMBIE changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. LARGENT and Mr. REGULA changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMERICAN INVENTORS PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1907, 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 North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1907, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 376, nays 43, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 368]

YEAS—376

Ackerman	Barr	Bereuter	Ganske	McCarthy (MO)
Aderholt	Barrett (NE)	Berkley	Gejdenson	McCarthy (NY)
Allen	Barrett (WI)	Berman	Gekas	McCullom
Armey	Barton	Berry	Gephardt	Skeen
Baird	Bass	Biggert	Gibbons	McHugh
Baker	Bateman	Bilirakis	Gilchrest	McInnis
Baldacci	Becerra	Bishop	Billmoe	McIntosh
Bentzen	Bentsen	Blagojevich		