

Westmoreland Wilson (NM) Wu  
 Wexler Wilson (SC) Wynn  
 Whitfield Wolf Young (AK)  
 Wicker Woolsey Young (FL)

NAYS—22

Blackburn Goode Miller (FL)  
 Coble Gutknecht Miller (MI)  
 Cubin Hensarling Myrick  
 Culberson Istook Otter  
 Davis, Jo Ann Johnson, Sam Paul  
 Emerson Jones (NC) Pence  
 Flake LaHood  
 Foxx Manzullo

NOT VOTING—10

Carter Gillmor Smith (WA)  
 Edwards Inglis (SC) Stark  
 Fattah Jenkins  
 Ford Lewis (KY)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1900

Messrs. MANZULLO, PENCE, LAHOOD, ISTOOK, and Mrs. EMERSON changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. LATHAM changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LANDER COUNTY AND EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA, LAND CONVEYANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 541.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 541, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 423, nays 0, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 97]

YEAS—423

Abercrombie Bishop (GA) Burgess  
 Ackerman Bishop (NY) Burton (IN)  
 Aderholt Bishop (UT) Butterfield  
 Akin Blackburn Buyer  
 Alexander Blumenauer Calvert  
 Allen Blunt Camp  
 Andrews Boehlert Cannon  
 Baca Boehner Cantor  
 Bachus Bonilla Capito  
 Baird Bonner Capps  
 Baker Bono Capuano  
 Baldwin Boozman Cardin  
 Barrett (SC) Boren Cardoza  
 Barrow Boswell Carnahan  
 Bartlett (MD) Boucher Carson  
 Barton (TX) Boustany Case  
 Bass Boyd Castle  
 Bean Bradley (NH) Chabot  
 Beauprez Brady (PA) Chandler  
 Becerra Brady (TX) Choccola  
 Berkley Brown (OH) Clay  
 Berman Brown (SC) Cleaver  
 Berry Brown, Corrine Clyburn  
 Biggert Brown-Waite, Coble  
 Bilirakis Ginny Cole (OK)

Conaway Holden  
 Conyers Holt  
 Cooper Honda  
 Costa Hooley  
 Costello Hostettler  
 Cox Hoyer  
 Cramer Hulshof  
 Crenshaw Hunter  
 Crowley Hyde  
 Cubin Insee  
 Cuellar Israel  
 Culberson Issa  
 Cummings Istook  
 Cunningham Jackson (IL)  
 Davis (AL) Jackson-Lee  
 Davis (CA) (TX)  
 Davis (FL) Jefferson  
 Davis (IL) Jindal  
 Davis (KY) Johnson (CT)  
 Davis (TN) Johnson (IL)  
 Davis, Jo Ann Johnson, E. B.  
 Davis, Tom Johnson, Sam  
 Deal (GA) Jones (OH)  
 DeFazio Jones (NC)  
 DeGette Kanjorski  
 Delahunt Kaptur  
 DeLauro Keller  
 DeLay Kelly  
 Dent Kennedy (MN)  
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy (RI)  
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kildee  
 Dicks Kilpatrick (MI)  
 Dingell Kind  
 Doggett King (IA)  
 Doolittle King (NY)  
 Doyle Kingston  
 Drake Kirk  
 Dreier Kline  
 Duncan Knollenberg  
 Ehlers Kolbe  
 Emanuel Kucinich  
 Emerson Kuhl (NY)  
 Engel LaHood  
 English (PA) Langevin  
 Eshoo Lantos  
 Etheridge Larsen (WA)  
 Evans Larson (CT)  
 Everett Latham  
 Farr LaTourrette  
 Fattah Leach  
 Feeney Lee  
 Ferguson Levin  
 Filner Lewis (CA)  
 Fitzpatrick (PA) Lewis (GA)  
 Flake Linder  
 Foley Lipinski  
 Forbes LoBiondo  
 Fortenberry Lofgren, Zoe  
 Fossella Lowey  
 Foxx Lucas  
 Frank (MA) Lungren, Daniel  
 Franks (AZ) E.  
 Frelinghuysen Lynch  
 Gallegly Mack  
 Garrett (NJ) Maloney  
 Gerlach Manzullo  
 Gibbons Marchant  
 Gilchrest Markey  
 Gingrey Marshall  
 Gohmert Matheson  
 Gonzalez Matsui  
 Goode McCarthy  
 Goodlatte McCaul (TX)  
 Gordon McCollum (MN)  
 Granger McCotter  
 Graves McCrery  
 Green (WI) McDermott  
 Green, Al McGovern  
 Green, Gene McHenry  
 Grijalva McHugh  
 Gutierrez McIntyre  
 Gutknecht McKeon  
 Hall McKinney  
 Harman McMorris  
 Harris McNulty  
 Hart Meehan  
 Hastings (FL) Meek (FL)  
 Hastings (WA) Meeks (NY)  
 Hayes Melancon  
 Hayworth Menendez  
 Hefley Mica  
 Hensarling Michaud  
 Herger Millender-  
 Herseth McDonald  
 Higgins Miller (FL)  
 Hinchey Miller (MI)  
 Hinojosa Miller (NC)  
 Hobson Miller, Gary  
 Hoekstra Mollohan

Moore (KS) Smith (NJ)  
 Moore (WI) Smith (TX)  
 Moran (KS) Snyder  
 Moran (VA) Sodrel  
 Murphy Solis  
 Murtha Tierney  
 Musgrave Souder  
 Myrick Spratt  
 Nadler Stearns  
 Napolitano Strickland  
 Neal (MA) Stupak  
 Neugebauer Sullivan  
 Ney Sweeney  
 Northup Tancredo  
 Norwood Tanner  
 Nunes Tauscher  
 Nussle Taylor (MS)  
 Oberstar Taylor (NC)  
 Obey Terry  
 Olver Thomas  
 Ortiz  
 Osborne  
 Otter  
 Owens  
 Oxley  
 Pallone  
 Pascrell  
 Pastor  
 Paul  
 Payne  
 Pearce  
 Pelosi  
 Pence  
 Peterson (MN)  
 Peterson (PA)  
 Petri  
 Pickering  
 Pitts  
 Platts  
 Poe  
 Pombo  
 Pomeroy  
 Porter  
 Portman  
 Price (GA)  
 Price (NC)  
 Pryce (OH)  
 Putnam  
 Radanovich  
 Rahall  
 Ramstad  
 Rangel  
 Regula  
 Rehberg  
 Reichert  
 Renzi  
 Reyes  
 Reynolds  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rogers (MI)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Ross  
 Rothman  
 Roybal-Allard  
 Royce  
 Ruppertsberger  
 Rush  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Ryun (KS)  
 Sabo  
 Salazar  
 Sánchez, Linda  
 T.  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Sanders  
 Saxton  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schwartz (PA)  
 Schwarz (MI)  
 Scott (GA)  
 Scott (VA)  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Shadegg  
 Shaw  
 Shays  
 Sherman  
 Sherwood  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simmons  
 Simpson  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter

NOT VOTING—11

Carter Inglis (SC) Smith (WA)  
 Edwards Jenkins Stark  
 Ford Lewis (KY) Thornberry  
 Gillmor Miller, George

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KLINE) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1917

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on April 12, 2005, during voting on H.R. 135, the Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act and H.R. 541, the Lander County and Eureka County, Nevada land conveyance, I was unavoidably detained due to matters in my Congressional District. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on both votes.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8, DEATH TAX REPEAL PERMANENCY ACT OF 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-35) on the resolution (H. Res. 202) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PAYING TRIBUTE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF TRAVIS BRUCE

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and to honor the memory of Travis Bruce.

Mr. Speaker, it is perhaps ironic that, as the family of Specialist Travis Bruce was learning the tragic news, I was at the military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

We all ask ourselves the questions that have haunted leaders from Washington to Grant to this very day: Are

we doing the right thing? Is it worth the sacrifice?

I can think of no better place to ask those questions than at that hospital. So I asked those young heroes, and I can honestly report that they answered "yes." A few said "absolutely."

For Specialist Bruce, the battle is now over. He now rests in the loving arms of the God of our fathers. He takes his place in that long line of patriots who have made the ultimate sacrifice, that long line that has never failed us. It is now left for us to carry on.

There are no words adequate to express our condolences. It is enough for us to say that on behalf of a grateful Nation, we will never forget. We will always be proud, so that we will always be free.

**RESTORING DEDUCTIBILITY OF SALES TAX FOR TENNESSEE PROVES WORTHWHILE**

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I was coming back to D.C. reading the Nashville Tennessean, the local news section, and my attention was drawn to a headline here: "State's March Sales Tax Revenue up \$14.8 Million Over Estimates."

Mr. Speaker, there is a reason that the State sales tax revenues are up so much in the State of Tennessee, and it has to do with actions that this body took last year. Last year, we voted to restore the deductibility of sales tax to those of us from nonState income tax States. Tennessee, Texas, Washington State, several States are affected by this provision. It proves the point, you want more of something, you lower the taxes. Things that are taxed less are going to flourish.

I would like to say thank you to our Speaker, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT); to our leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY); and to our whip, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), for their leadership and their support in restoring the deductibility of sales tax for my State, Tennessee, and the other States that fund their State governments by State sales tax.

**VOTE TO REPEAL DEATH TAX ONCE AND FOR ALL**

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, the death tax kills small family-owned businesses, it makes financial planning nearly impossible, and it is an unfair form of double taxation.

The death tax is itself the leading cause of death for over one-third of all small, family-owned businesses who cannot afford to pay a death tax rate of up to 55 percent in order to keep the

family business alive. Under current law, there will be no death tax owed in the year 2010, but, in 2011, death taxes go up to 55 percent. Unfortunately, the only family-owned business in America who knows whether someone will die in the year 2010 is the Sopranos. The rest of us have to spend thousands of dollars each year on accountants, lawyers, and financial planners to make sure our family-owned business survives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote yes to completely repeal the death tax once and for all.

**PROMOTING GOOD LEADERSHIP**

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the House has provided tax relief, creating 3 million jobs, prescription drug coverage for needy citizens, and welfare reform, promoting independence, along with a strengthened military to protect American families.

Additionally, Majority Leader DELAY and his wife Christine play a valuable role in their home community. As foster parents, they have devoted themselves to improving the lives of abused and neglected children and are now focusing their efforts on creating homes for foster children who need them. Their work is a true sign of compassion that is rarely recognized.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) has been called one of the most effective leaders in the history of the House of Representatives, and it is his effectiveness that motivates his critics. Radical liberals, financed by a billionaire, are leading a desperate smear campaign against a decent man who has delivered remarkable results. His critics are inspired by bitterness, hatred, and partisanship, and their smears will fail as they failed against DICK CHENEY, Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, and John Ashcroft.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) will continue his success of effectiveness for the American people.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

**HOLDING FEMA TO HIGH STANDARDS**

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my concern regarding continued abuses by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA as we know it. As my colleagues know, Florida suffered devastating blows when an unprecedented four hurricanes struck down in our State last year.

My colleagues and I in the Florida delegation have been fighting with

FEMA on its hurricane policies for the past few months. We have battled them about paying for debris removal in front of properties on a private road. These people pay taxes, too.

Now a new abuse has come to light. FEMA apparently paid funeral expenses for an estimated 315 deaths in Florida, although only 123 fatalities were actually recorded. Once again, it has a disregard for accuracy, efficiency, and its responsibility, I believe, to the citizens of Florida and the United States' taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in holding FEMA to the high standards that our citizens require.

**THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN**

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the President says he is going to change his tack; he is no longer going to scare the people. He is going to give them a solution.

This weekend, Gary Trudeau's renowned "Doonesbury" performed an important public service. It codified the recent words of the President describing his Social Security plan. Here it is. To ensure that every American has equal access to his remarks, let me enter "Doonesbury" into the RECORD and read some of the President's remarks.

This is a direct quote from the President of the United States. He is explaining the plan he has: "There's a series of parts of the formula that are being considered. And when you couple that, those different cost drivers, affecting those, changing those with personal accounts, the idea is to get what has been promised more likely to be or closer delivered to what has been promised."

Does anybody know what he is talking about? This President is halfway through his 60-day barnstorming tour to gain support for his Social Security plan. I personally hope he stays out for another 90 days.

I think when the American people get through with listening to this gibberish, they will recognize that it has all been a way to deflect our eyes from all the problems of this society. We are to get a bankruptcy bill out here tomorrow. We have done nothing about Social Security. We have done nothing about Medicare. Come on, Mr. President.

SEE . . . LOOK . . . COST DRIVERS! HELPS ON THE RED!

MAKE ANY SENSE? THIS MUST BE SHARED! HEY, FOLKS—CONFUSED ABOUT THE BUSH PLAN FOR SOCIAL SECURITY?

WELL, HELP IS ON THE WAY! HERE—IN HIS OWN WORDS\*—THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS!

\* TAMPA, FL 2/04/05. BECAUSE THE—ALL WHICH IS ON THE TABLE BEGINS TO ADDRESS THE BIG