

we will have a revenue neutral correction to AMT.” And in March 2007, Hank Paulson told us the same.

But what the Bush administration proposed, they have not supported. Their counterparts in Congress voted down in the Senate an AMT fix consistent with Pay-Go, and forced the issue before us, an AMT patch that works for one year, but adds \$50 billion to the deficit.

We all agree that we must stop the AMT from coming down on 23 million middle-income taxpayers. That’s why I and most of this House voted twice to fix the AMT the right way, the way the Bush administration once itself supported, with offsets that kept the fix from worsening the deficit.

As chairman of the Budget Committee, I proposed an alternative idea, consistent with Pay-Go. What I proposed was that we postpone designation of the offsets necessary to keep this bill deficit-neutral until such time as we dealt with extension of expired or expiring tax deductions, such as the research and experimentation tax credit. At that point, we would require that the offsets for this bill be passed before any such deductions, credits, exemptions, or preferences be extended.

This idea won support among many of my caucus, including our leadership, but in the end, not enough support to warrant its being offered. I regret that it was not, but I would remind everyone that this bill only buys one year of abolition. The same issue, the impact of the AMT on middle-income taxpayers, will have to be addressed again within months as we prepare and implement the budget resolution for fiscal year 2009. I hope we take a page from this year’s experience and fix the AMT the right way next year, without impacting middle-income taxpayers, but also without impacting the deficit.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3996.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MCCRERY. Madam 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.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to suspend on H.R. 3996 will be followed by 5-minute votes on the motion to suspend on S. 2499 and the motion to suspend on H.R. 4040.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 64, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 1183]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie	Akin	Altmire
Ackerman	Alexander	Arcuri
Aderholt	Allen	Baca

Bachmann	Filner
Bachus	Flake
Baker	Forbes
Baldwin	Portenberry
Baldrick (SC)	Fortenberry
Barrow	Fossella
Bartlett (MD)	Fox
Barton (TX)	Frank (MA)
Bean	Frank (AZ)
Berkley	Frelinghuysen
Berman	Gallely
Biggert	Garrett (NJ)
Bilbray	Gerlach
Bilirakis	Giffords
Bishop (GA)	Gillibrand
Bishop (NY)	Gingrey
Bishop (UT)	Gohmert
Blackburn	Gonzalez
Blumenauer	Goode
Blunt	Goodlatte
Boehner	Granger
Bonner	Graves
Bono	Green, Al
Boozman	Grijalva
Boren	Hall (NY)
Boswell	Hall (TX)
Boucher	Hare
Boustany	Hastings (WA)
Brady (PA)	Hayes
Brady (TX)	Heller
Bralley (IA)	Hensarling
Broun (GA)	Hergert
Brown (SC)	Higgins
Brown, Corrine	Hinchey
Brown-Waite,	Hinojosa
Ginny	Hirono
Buchanan	Hobson
Burgess	Hodes
Burton (IN)	Hoekstra
Buyer	Holden
Calvert	Holt
Camp (MI)	Honda
Campbell (CA)	Hulshof
Cannon	Hunter
Cantor	Inglis (SC)
Capito	Inslee
Carmahan	Israel
Carney	Issa
Carter	Jackson (IL)
Castle	Jackson-Lee
Chabot	(TX)
Clarke	Johnson (GA)
Clay	Johnson (IL)
Cleaver	Johnson, Sam
Coble	Jones (NC)
Cohen	Jones (OH)
Cole (OK)	Jordan
Conaway	Kagen
Conyers	Kaptur
Courtney	Keller
Crenshaw	Kennedy
Crowley	Kildee
Culberson	Kilpatrick
Cummings	King (IA)
Davis (AL)	King (NY)
Davis (CA)	Kingston
Davis (IL)	Kirk
Davis (KY)	Klein (FL)
Davis, David	Kline (MN)
Davis, Tom	Knollenberg
Deal (GA)	Kuhl (NY)
DeGette	LaHood
DeLauro	Lamborn
Dent	Lampson
Diaz-Balart, L.	Langevin
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lantos
Dicks	Latham
Dingell	LaTourette
Donnelly	Latta
Doolittle	Lee
Doyle	Levin
Drake	Lewis (CA)
Dreier	Lewis (GA)
Duncan	Lewis (KY)
Edwards	Linder
Ehlers	Lipinski
Ellison	LoBiondo
Ellsworth	Loeback
Emerson	Lofgren, Zoe
Engel	Lowey
English (PA)	Lucas
Eshoo	Lungren, Daniel
Etheridge	E.
Everett	Lynch
Fallin	Mack
Farr	Mahoney (FL)
Fattah	Maloney (NY)
Feeney	Manzullo
Ferguson	Marchant
	Markey

Marshall	Smith (NE)
Matsui	Smith (NJ)
McCarthy (CA)	Smith (TX)
McCarthy (NY)	Snyder
McCaul (TX)	Solis
McCotter	McCaul (TX)
McCrery	McCotter
McGovern	McCrery
McHenry	McGovern
McHugh	McHenry
McIntyre	McHugh
McKeon	McIntyre
McMorris	McKeon
Rodgers	McMorris
McNerney	Rodgers
McNulty	Gingrey
Meeks (NY)	Gohmert
Mica	Meeks (NY)
Miller (FL)	Mica
Miller (MI)	Miller (FL)
Miller (NC)	Miller (MI)
Mitchell	Miller (NC)
Mollohan	Mitchell
Moore (WI)	Mollohan
Moran (KS)	Moore (WI)
Murphy (CT)	Moran (KS)
Murphy, Tim	Murphy (CT)
Murtha	Murphy, Tim
Musgrave	Murtha
Myrick	Musgrave
Nadler	Myrick
Napolitano	Nadler
Neal (MA)	Napolitano
Neugebauer	Neal (MA)
Nunes	Neugebauer
Oberstar	Nunes
Olver	Oberstar
Pallone	Olver
Pascarella	Pallone
Payne	Pascarella
Pearce	Payne
Pence	Pearce
Perlmutter	Pence
Peterson (PA)	Perlmutter
Petri	Peterson (PA)
Pickering	Petri
Pitts	Pickering
Platts	Pitts
Poe	Platts
Pomeroy	Poe
Porter	Pomeroy
Price (GA)	Porter
Pryce (OH)	Price (GA)
Putnam	Pryce (OH)
Radanovich	Putnam
Rahall	Radanovich
Ramstad	Rahall
Rangel	Ramstad
Regula	Rangel
Rehberg	Regula
Reichert	Rehberg
Renzi	Reichert
Reyes	Renzi
Reynolds	Reyes
Richardson	Reynolds
Rodriguez	Richardson
Rogers (AL)	Rodriguez
Rogers (KY)	Rogers (AL)
Rogers (MI)	Rogers (KY)
Rohrabacher	Rogers (MI)
Ros-Lehtinen	Rohrabacher
Roskam	Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman	Roskam
Roybal-Allard	Rothman
Royce	Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger	Royce
Rush	Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)	Rush
Ryan (WI)	Ryan (OH)
Sali	Ryan (WI)
Sarbanes	Sali
Saxton	Sarbanes
Schakowsky	Saxton
Schiff	Schakowsky
Schmidt	Schiff
Schwartz	Schmidt
Scott (GA)	Schwartz
Sensenbrenner	Scott (GA)
Serrano	Sensenbrenner
Sessions	Serrano
Sestak	Sessions
Shadegg	Sestak
Shays	Shadegg
Shea-Porter	Shays
Shimkus	Shea-Porter
Shuster	Shimkus
Simpson	Shuster
Sires	Simpson
Skelton	Sires
Slaughter	Skelton

Tiberi	Waters
Tierney	Watson
Towns	Weiner
Tsongas	Weston (FL)
Turner	Westmoreland
Udall (CO)	Whitfield (KY)
Udall (NM)	Wicker
Upton	Wilson (NM)
Van Hollen	Wilson (OH)
Velázquez	Wilson (SC)
Visclosky	Wittman (VA)
Walberg	Wolf
Walden (OR)	Wu
Walsh (NY)	Wynn
Wamp	Yarmuth
Wasserman	Young (AK)
Schultz	Young (FL)

NAYS—64

Andrews	Emanuel	Obey
Baird	Gordon	Pelosi
Becerra	Green, Gene	Peterson (MN)
Berry	Gutierrez	Price (NC)
Boyd (FL)	Harman	Ross
Boyda (KS)	Herseth Sandlin	Salazar
Butterfield	Hill	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	Hoyer	T.
Capuano	Kanjorski	Sanchez, Loretta
Cardoza	Kind	Scott (VA)
Castor	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Chandler	Larson (CT)	Shuler
Clyburn	Matheson	Smith (WA)
Cooper	McCollum (MN)	Stark
Costa	McDermott	Stupak
Costello	Meek (FL)	Tanner
Cramer	Melancon	Taylor
Cuellar	Michaud	Walz (MN)
Davis, Lincoln	Miller, George	Watt
DeFazio	Moore (KS)	Waxman
Delahunt	Moran (VA)	Welch (VT)
Doggett	Murphy, Patrick	

NOT VOTING—17

Cubin	Johnson, E. B.	Paul
Gilchrest	Kucinich	Thompson (CA)
Hastings (FL)	McNulty	Weller
Hooley	Miller, Gary	Wexler
Jefferson	Ortiz	Woolsey
Jindal	Pastor	

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Messrs. BECERRA, GUTIERREZ, BUTTERFIELD, CLYBURN, and WAXMAN, and Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. KAGEN and Ms. LEE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING JIM OLIVER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, we are very fortunate, as Members of Congress, to rely on the services of so many dedicated staffers who help all of us get our job done and keep this process here moving. One of those staffers is someone who I think is familiar to Members on both sides of the aisle.

Jim Oliver is the assistant manager of the Republican cloakroom. He has served in that position for some 21 years. He served for 30 years as an employee of the House, having first come here 40 years ago as a page.

Jim, as we all know, is a solid professional. He is patient, he is humble, and he always seems to have the right answer no matter what the question is.

But the most interesting thing about Jim, and something that I know we will all miss, is his deep love of this institution. He has a deep and long understanding of the history of this Chamber, and he is an expert on the history of the page program and the Congressional Cemetery.

We are all going to miss Jim. We are going to miss his dry sense of humor and the institutional knowledge that he helps pass on to all of us.

We wish him well, and we wish him many years of success and happiness in his retirement.

Jim, job well done.

And, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, if I could take 10 seconds more to wish all of you a very merry Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN). Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND SCHIP EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2499, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2499.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 3, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 1184]
YEAS—411

Abercrombie	Boozman	Cleaver
Ackerman	Boren	Clyburn
Aderholt	Boswell	Coble
Akin	Boucher	Cohen
Alexander	Boustany	Cole (OK)
Allen	Boyda (KS)	Conaway
Altmire	Brady (PA)	Conyers
Andrews	Brady (TX)	Cooper
Arcuri	Braley (IA)	Costa
Baca	Broun (GA)	Costello
Bachmann	Brown (SC)	Courtney
Bachus	Brown, Corrine	Cramer
Baird	Brown-Waite,	Crenshaw
Baker	Ginny	Crowley
Baldwin	Buchanan	Cuellar
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Culberson
Barrow	Burton (IN)	Cummings
Bartlett (MD)	Butterfield	Davis (AL)
Barton (TX)	Buyer	Davis (CA)
Bean	Calvert	Davis (IL)
Becerra	Camp (MI)	Davis (KY)
Berkley	Campbell (CA)	Davis, David
Berman	Cantor	Davis, Lincoln
Berry	Capito	Davis, Tom
Biggert	Capps	Deal (GA)
Bilbray	Capuano	DeFazio
Bilirakis	Cardoza	DeGette
Bishop (GA)	Carnahan	Delahunt
Bishop (NY)	Carney	DeLauro
Bishop (UT)	Carter	Dent
Blackburn	Castle	Diaz-Balart, L.
Blumenauer	Castor	Diaz-Balart, M.
Blunt	Chabot	Dicks
Boehner	Chandler	Dingell
Bonner	Clarke	Doggett
Bono	Clay	Donnelly

Doolittle	LaHood	Ramstad
Doyle	Lamborn	Rangel
Drake	Lampson	Regula
Dreier	Langevin	Rehberg
Duncan	Lantos	Reichert
Edwards	Larsen (WA)	Renzi
Ehlers	Larson (CT)	Reyes
Ellison	Latham	Reynolds
Ellsworth	LaTourette	Richardson
Emanuel	Latta	Rodriguez
Emerson	Lee	Rogers (AL)
Engel	Levin	Rogers (KY)
English (PA)	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (MD)
Eshoo	Lewis (GA)	Rohrabacher
Etheridge	Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Everett	Linder	Roskam
Fallin	Lipinski	Ross
Farr	LoBiondo	Rothman
Fattah	Loebsack	Roybal-Allard
Feeney	Lofgren, Zoe	Royce
Ferguson	Lowey	Ruppersberger
Filner	Lucas	Rush
Forbes	Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (OH)
Fortenberry	E.	Ryan (WI)
Fossella	Lynch	Salazar
Fox	Mack	Sali
Frank (MA)	Mahoney (FL)	Sánchez, Linda
Franks (AZ)	Maloney (NY)	T.
Frelinghuysen	Manzullo	Sanchez, Loretta
Galleghy	Marchant	Sarbanes
Garrett (NJ)	Markey	Saxton
Gerlach	Marshall	Schakowsky
Giffords	Matheson	Schiff
Gillibrand	Matsui	Schmidt
Gingrey	McCarthy (CA)	Schwartz
Gohmert	McCarthy (NY)	Scott (GA)
Gonzalez	McCaul (TX)	Scott (VA)
Goode	McCollum (MN)	Sensenbrenner
Goodlatte	McCotter	Serrano
Gordon	McCrery	Sessions
Granger	McDermott	Sestak
Graves	McGovern	Shadegg
Green, Al	McHenry	Sha
Green, Gene	McHugh	Shea-Porter
Grijalva	McIntyre	Sherman
Gutierrez	McKeon	Shimkus
Hall (NY)	McMorris	Shuler
Hall (TX)	Rodgers	Shuster
Hare	McNerney	Simpson
Harman	Meeke (FL)	Sires
Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)	Skelton
Hayes	Melancon	Slaughter
Heller	Mica	Smith (NE)
Hensarling	Michaud	Smith (NJ)
Hergert	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Herse	Miller (MI)	Smith (WA)
Herseth Sandlin	Miller (NC)	Snyder
Higgins	Miller, George	Soils
Hill	Mitchell	Souder
Hinche	Mollohan	Space
Hinojosa	Moore (KS)	Spratt
Hirono	Moore (WI)	Stark
Hobson	Moran (KS)	Stearns
Hodes	Moran (VA)	Stupak
Hoekstra	Murphy (CT)	Sullivan
Holden	Murphy, Patrick	Sutton
Holt	Murphy, Tim	Tanner
Honda	Murtha	Tauscher
Hoyer	Musgrave	Taylor
Hulshof	Myrick	Terry
Hunter	Nadler	Thompson (MS)
Hunziker	Napolitano	Thornberry
Inglis (SC)	Neal (MA)	Tiaht
Inslee	Neugebauer	Tiberi
Israel	Nunes	Tierney
Issa	Oberstar	Towns
Jackson (IL)	Obey	Tsongas
Jackson-Lee	Olver	Turner
(TX)	Pallone	Udall (CO)
Johnson (GA)	Pascarell	Udall (NM)
Johnson (IL)	Payne	Upton
Johnson, Sam	Pearce	Van Hollen
Jones (NC)	Pence	Velázquez
Jones (OH)	Perlmutter	Viscosky
Jordan	Peterson (MN)	Walberg
Kagen	Peterson (PA)	Walden (OR)
Kanjorski	Petri	Walsh (NY)
Kaptur	Pickering	Walz (MN)
Keller	Pitts	Wamp
Kennedy	Platts	Wasserman
Kildee	Poe	Schultz
Kilpatrick	Pomeroy	Waters
King	Porter	Watson
King (IA)	Price (GA)	Watt
King (NY)	Price (NC)	Waxman
Kingston	Pryce (OH)	Weiner
Kirk	Putnam	Welch (VT)
Klein (FL)	Radanovich	Weldon (FL)
Kline (MN)	Rahall	Westmoreland
Knollenberg		
Kuhl (NY)		

Whitfield (KY)	Wilson (SC)	Wynn
Wicker	Wittman (VA)	Yarmuth
Wilson (NM)	Wolf	Young (AK)
Wilson (OH)	Wu	Young (FL)

NAYS—3

Cannon	Flake	Tancredo
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NOT VOTING—18

Boyd (FL)	Jindal	Pastor
Cubin	Johnson, E. B.	Paul
Gilchrest	Kucinich	Thompson (CA)
Hastings (FL)	McNulty	Weller
Hooley	Miller, Gary	Wexler
Jefferson	Ortiz	Woolsey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 1184, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4040, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4040, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 1185]
YEAS—407

Abercrombie	Bonner	Chandler
Ackerman	Bono	Clarke
Aderholt	Boozman	Clay
Akin	Boren	Cleaver
Alexander	Boswell	Clyburn
Allen	Boucher	Coble
Altmire	Boustany	Cohen
Andrews	Boyd (FL)	Cole (OK)
Arcuri	Boyda (KS)	Conaway
Baca	Brady (PA)	Conyers
Bachmann	Brady (TX)	Cooper
Bachus	Braley (IA)	Costa
Baird	Broun (GA)	Costello
Baker	Brown (SC)	Courtney
Baldwin	Brown, Corrine	Cramer
Barrett (SC)	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Barrow	Burgess	Crowley
Bartlett (MD)	Burton (IN)	Cuellar
Barton (TX)	Butterfield	Culberson
Bean	Buyer	Cummings
Becerra	Calvert	Davis (AL)
Berkley	Camp (MI)	Davis (CA)
Berman	Campbell (CA)	Davis (IL)
Berry	Cannon	Davis (KY)
Biggert	Cantor	Davis, David
Bilbray	Capito	Davis, Lincoln
Bilirakis	Capuano	Davis, Tom
Bishop (GA)	Cardoza	Deal (GA)
Bishop (NY)	Carnahan	DeFazio
Bishop (UT)	Carney	DeGette
Blackburn	Carter	Delahunt
Blumenauer	Castle	DeLauro
Blunt	Castor	Dent
Boehner	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, L.