

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)	Chocola
Berkley	Brown (OH)	Clay
Berman	Brown (SC)	Cleaver
Berry	Brown, Corrine	Clyburn
Biggert	Brown-Waite,	Coble
Bilirakis	Ginny	Cole (OK)

Conaway	Holden	Moore (KS)	Smith (NJ)	Thompson (CA)	Watson
Conyers	Holt	Moore (WI)	Smith (TX)	Thompson (MS)	Watt
Cooper	Honda	Moran (KS)	Snyder	Tiahrt	Waxman
Costa	Hooley	Moran (VA)	Sodrel	Tiberi	Weiner
Costello	Hostettler	Murphy	Solis	Tierney	Weldon (FL)
Cox	Hoyer	Murtha	Souder	Towns	Weldon (PA)
Cramer	Hulshof	Musgrave	Spratt	Turner	Weller
Crenshaw	Hunter	Myrick	Stearns	Udall (CO)	Westmoreland
Crowley	Hyde	Nadler	Strickland	Udall (NM)	Wexler
Cubin	Inslee	Napolitano	Stupak	Upton	Whitfield
Cuellar	Israel	Neal (MA)	Sullivan	Van Hollen	Wicker
Culberson	Issa	Neugebauer	Sweeney	Velázquez	Wilson (NM)
Cummings	Istook	Ney	Tancredo	Visclosky	Wilson (SC)
Cunningham	Jackson (IL)	Northup	Tanner	Walden (OR)	Wolf
Davis (AL)	Jackson-Lee	Norwood	Tauscher	Walsh	Woolsey
Davis (CA)	(TX)	Nunes	Taylor (MS)	Wamp	Wu
Davis (FL)	Jefferson	Nussle	Taylor (NC)	Wasserman	Wynn
Davis (IL)	Jindal	Oberstar	Terry	Schultz	Young (AK)
Davis (KY)	Johnson (CT)	Obey	Thomas	Waters	Young (FL)
Davis (TN)	Johnson (IL)	Olver			
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson, E. B.	Ortiz			
Davis, Tom	Johnson, Sam	Osborne			
Deal (GA)	Jones (NC)	Otter			
DeFazio	Jones (OH)	Owens			
DeGette	Kanjorski	Oxley			
Delahunt	Kaptur	Pallone			
DeLauro	Keller	Pascarell			
DeLay	Kelly	Pastor			
Dent	Kennedy (MN)	Paul			
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kennedy (RI)	Payne			
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kildee	Pearce			
Dicks	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pelosi			
Dingell	Kind	Pence			
Doggett	King (IA)	Peterson (MN)			
Doolittle	King (NY)	Peterson (PA)			
Doyle	Kingston	Petri			
Drake	Kirk	Pickering			
Dreier	Kline	Pitts			
Duncan	Knollenberg	Platts			
Ehlers	Kolbe	Poe			
Emanuel	Kucinich	Pombo			
Emerson	Kuhl (NY)	Pomeroy			
Engel	LaHood	Porter			
English (PA)	Langevin	Portman			
Eshoo	Lantos	Price (GA)			
Etheridge	Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)			
Evans	Larson (CT)	Pryce (OH)			
Everett	Latham	Putnam			
Farr	LaTourrette	Radanovich			
Fattah	Leach	Rahall			
Feeney	Lee	Ramstad			
Ferguson	Levin	Rangel			
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Regula			
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (GA)	Rehberg			
Flake	Linder	Reichert			
Foley	Lipinski	Renzi			
Forbes	LoBiondo	Reyes			
Fortenberry	Lofgren, Zoe	Reynolds			
Fossella	Lowey	Rogers (AL)			
Foxx	Lucas	Rogers (KY)			
Frank (MA)	Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (MI)			
Franks (AZ)	E.	Rohrabacher			
Frelinghuysen	Lynch	Ros-Lehtinen			
Galleghy	Mack	Ross			
Garrett (NJ)	Maloney	Rothman			
Gerlach	Manzullo	Roybal-Allard			
Gibbons	Marchant	Royce			
Gilchrest	Markey	Ruppersberger			
Gingrey	Marshall	Rush			
Gohmert	Matheson	Ryan (OH)			
Gonzalez	Matsui	Ryan (WI)			
Goode	McCarthy	Ryun (KS)			
Goodlatte	McCaul (TX)	Sabo			
Gordon	McCollum (MN)	Salazar			
Granger	McCotter	Sánchez, Linda			
Graves	McCrery	T.			
Green (WI)	McDermott	Sanchez, Loretta			
Green, Al	McGovern	Sanders			
Green, Gene	McHenry	Saxton			
Grijalva	McHugh	Schakowsky			
Gutierrez	McIntyre	Schiff			
Gutknecht	McKeon	Schwartz (PA)			
Hall	McKinney	Schwarz (MI)			
Harman	McMorris	Scott (GA)			
Harris	McNulty	Scott (VA)			
Hart	Meehan	Sensenbrenner			
Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Serrano			
Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)	Sessions			
Hayes	Melancon	Shadegg			
Hayworth	Menendez	Shaw			
Hefley	Mica	Shays			
Hensarling	Michaud	Sherman			
Herger	Millender-	Sherwood			
Herseth	McDonald	Shimkus			
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Shuster			
Hinchee	Miller (MI)	Simmons			
Hinojosa	Miller (NC)	Simpson			
Hobson	Miller, Gary	Skelton			
Hoekstra	Mollohan	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