

Finally, the new tobacco taxes are unacceptable to the overwhelming majority of my constituents. Under this agreement, tobacco will be hit with a complicated new tax scheme which among other things will mandate an additional 10 cents per pack tax in 2000 and another 5 cent one in 2002. As you can see, an additional 15 cents a pack will be levied by this budget deal. I believe that this is an unfair attack on a legal product, one that would hurt nearly 45,000 tobacco farmers in North Carolina (including over 4,000 in the 10th district alone), and more than 31,000 workers in related industries in my district and the state. Moreover, this excise tax is regressive, hitting hardest those who can least afford this tax increase.

In sum, although I could not vote for the compromise balanced budget package, I will continue to work to balance the federal budget. However, we can and must do so without all the unnecessary spending, unfair taxes and budget tricks included in this particular package. In fact, estimates show that we could balance the federal budget in just a few short years if we hold down spending. Why wait until 2002, if we don't have to?

□ 1615

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 346, noes 85, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 345]

AYES—346

Abercrombie	Buyer	DeLay
Ackerman	Callahan	Deutsch
Aderholt	Calvert	Diaz-Balart
Allen	Camp	Dicks
Andrews	Campbell	Dingell
Archer	Canady	Dixon
Armey	Cannon	Doggett
Bachus	Capps	Dooley
Baker	Cardin	Doyle
Baldacci	Carson	Dreier
Barcia	Castle	Duncan
Barr	Chabot	Dunn
Barrett (NE)	Chambliss	Edwards
Barrett (WI)	Chenoweth	Ehlers
Bartlett	Christensen	Ehrlich
Bass	Clayton	Emerson
Bateman	Clement	English
Becerra	Clyburn	Ensign
Bentsen	Collins	Eshoo
Bereuter	Combest	Evans
Berman	Condit	Everett
Bilbray	Cook	Ewing
Bilirakis	Cooksey	Farr
Bishop	Costello	Fattah
Blagojevich	Cox	Fawell
Bliley	Coyne	Fazio
Boehlert	Cramer	Flake
Boehner	Crane	Foglietta
Bonior	Crapo	Foley
Bono	Cubin	Ford
Boswell	Cummings	Fowler
Boyd	Cunningham	Fox
Brady	Danner	Franks (NJ)
Brown (CA)	Davis (FL)	Frelinghuysen
Brown (FL)	Davis (VA)	Frost
Brown (OH)	Deal	Furse
Bunning	DeGette	Gallegly
Burton	DeLauro	Ganske

Gejdenson	Livingston	Roemer
Gekas	LoBiondo	Rogan
Gibbons	Loftgren	Rogers
Gilchrest	Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen
Gillmor	Lucas	Rothman
Gilman	Luther	Roukema
Gingrich	Maloney (CT)	Roybal-Allard
Goodlatte	Maloney (NY)	Sabo
Goodling	Manton	Sanchez
Gordon	Manzullo	Sandlin
Goss	Martinez	Sawyer
Granger	Mascara	Saxton
Green	Matsui	Schaefer, Dan
Greenwood	McCarthy (MO)	Schaffer, Bob
Gutknecht	McCarthy (NY)	Schumer
Hall (OH)	McCollum	Scott
Hall (TX)	McCrery	Sensenbrenner
Hamilton	McDade	Sessions
Hansen	McHale	Shaw
Harman	McHugh	Shays
Hastert	McInnis	Sherman
Hastings (WA)	McKeon	Shimkus
Hayworth	McKinney	Shuster
Hefley	Meehan	Sisisky
Hefner	Meeke	Skaggs
Herger	Menendez	Skeen
Hill	Metcalf	Skelton
Hinchee	Millender-	Slaughter
Hinojosa	McDonald	Smith (MI)
Hobson	Miller (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Hoekstra	Miller (FL)	Smith (OR)
Holden	Minge	Smith (TX)
Hooley	Molinari	Smith, Adam
Horn	Moran (VA)	Snyder
Hostettler	Morella	Solomon
Houghton	Murtha	Souder
Hoyer	Myrick	Spence
Hulshof	Neal	Spratt
Hunter	Nethercutt	Stabenow
Hutchinson	Neumann	Stearns
Hyde	Ney	Stenholm
Inglis	Northup	Strickland
Jackson-Lee	Norwood	Stump
(TX)	Nussle	Stupak
Jefferson	Olver	Sununu
Jenkins	Ortiz	Talent
John	Oxley	Tanner
Johnson (CT)	Packard	Tauscher
Johnson (WI)	Pallone	Tauzin
Johnson, E. B.	Pappas	Taylor (NC)
Johnson, Sam	Parker	Thomas
Kanjorski	Pascrell	Thompson
Kasich	Pastor	Thornberry
Kelly	Paxon	Thune
Kennelly	Pease	Thurman
Kildee	Pelosi	Tierney
Kim	Peterson (MN)	Torres
Kind (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Traficant
King (NY)	Petri	Turner
Kleccka	Pickering	Upton
Klink	Pickett	Vento
Klug	Pitts	Visclosky
Knollenberg	Pomeroy	Walsh
Kolbe	Porter	Wamp
LaFalce	Portman	Watkins
LaHood	Poshard	Watts (OK)
Lampson	Price (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Lantos	Pryce (OH)	Weller
Lantros	Quinn	Wexler
Latham	Radanovich	Weygand
LaTourette	Ramstad	White
Lazio	Redmond	Whitfield
Leach	Regula	Wicker
Levin	Reyes	Wise
Lewis (CA)	Riggs	Wolf
Lewis (GA)	Riley	Woolsey
Lewis (KY)	Rivers	Wynn
Linder	Rodriguez	Young (FL)
Lipinski		

NOES—85

Baesler	Dickey	Kilpatrick
Ballenger	Doolittle	Kingston
Bartone	Engel	Kucinich
Berry	Etheridge	Largent
Blumenauer	Filner	Markey
Blunt	Frank (MA)	McDermott
Bonilla	Gephardt	McGovern
Borski	Goode	McIntosh
Boucher	Graham	McIntyre
Bryant	Gutierrez	McNulty
Burr	Hastings (FL)	Mica
Clay	Hilleary	Mink
Coble	Hilliard	Moakley
Coburn	Istook	Mollohan
Conyers	Jackson (IL)	Moran (KS)
Davis (IL)	Jones	Nadler
DeFazio	Kaptur	Oberstar
Delahunt	Kennedy (MA)	Obey
Dellums	Kennedy (RI)	Owens

Paul	Sanders	Tiahrt
Payne	Sanford	Towns
Pombo	Scarborough	Velazquez
Rahall	Serrano	Waters
Rangel	Shadegg	Watt (NC)
Rohrabacher	Smith, Linda	Waxman
Royce	Snowbarger	Snowbarger
Rush	Stark	Stark
Ryun	Stokes	Stokes
Salmon	Taylor (MS)	Taylor (MS)

NOT VOTING—4

Forbes	Schiff
Gonzalez	Young (AK)

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

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report just agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TERRORIST BOMBING IN JERUSALEM

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 133) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997, and I ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to object, I would merely like to ask the gentleman from New York to explain the resolution before us.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LANTOS. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. I thank the gentleman for yielding. Mr. Speaker, this concurrent resolution expresses the sense of Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in a Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997. The terrorist attack on a Jerusalem marketplace that killed 14 people and injured more than 150 is a devastating blow to the peace process.

The gentleman from California [Mr. LANTOS] and I have worked together in introducing House Concurrent Resolution 133 expressing the sense of Congress regarding these heinous explosions which were claimed by Hamas