

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	Hinchee
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	McNerney
Meeks (NY)	McNulty
Mica	Meeks (NY)

Miller (FL)	Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)	Miller (NC)
Mitchell	Mitchell
Mollohan	Mollohan
Moore (WI)	Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)	Moran (KS)
Murphy (CT)	Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Tim	Murphy, Tim
Murtha	Murtha
Musgrave	Musgrave
Myrick	Myrick
Nadler	Nadler
Napolitano	Napolitano
Neal (MA)	Neal (MA)
Neugebauer	Neugebauer
Nunes	Nunes
Oberstar	Oberstar
Olver	Olver
Pallone	Pallone
Pascarella	Pascarella
Payne	Payne
Pearce	Pearce
Pence	Pence
Perlmutter	Perlmutter
Peterson (PA)	Peterson (PA)
Petri	Petri
Pickering	Pickering
Pitts	Pitts
Platts	Platts
Poe	Poe
Pomeroy	Pomeroy
Porter	Porter
Price (GA)	Price (GA)
Pryce (OH)	Pryce (OH)
Putnam	Putnam
Radanovich	Radanovich
Rahall	Rahall
Ramstad	Ramstad
Rangel	Rangel
Regula	Regula
Rehberg	Rehberg
Reichert	Reichert
Renzi	Renzi
Reyes	Reyes
Reynolds	Reynolds
Richardson	Richardson
Rodriguez	Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)	Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)	Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)	Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher	Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen	Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam	Roskam
Rothman	Rothman
Roybal-Allard	Roybal-Allard
Royce	Royce
Ruppersberger	Ruppersberger
Rush	Rush
Ryan (OH)	Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)	Ryan (WI)
Sali	Sali
Sarbanes	Sarbanes
Saxton	Saxton
Schakowsky	Schakowsky
Schiff	Schiff
Schmidt	Schmidt
Schwartz	Schwartz
Scott (GA)	Scott (GA)
Sensenbrenner	Sensenbrenner
Serrano	Serrano
Sessions	Sessions
Sestak	Sestak
Shadegg	Shadegg
Shays	Shays
Shea-Porter	Shea-Porter
Shimkus	Shimkus
Shuster	Shuster
Simpson	Simpson
Sires	Sires
Skelton	Skelton
Slaughter	Slaughter

Tiberi	Tierney
Towns	Towns
Tsongas	Tsongas
Turner	Turner
Udall (CO)	Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)	Udall (NM)
Upton	Upton
Van Hollen	Van Hollen
Velázquez	Velázquez
Visclosky	Visclosky
Walberg	Walberg
Walden (OR)	Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)	Walsh (NY)
Wamp	Wamp
Wasserman	Wasserman
Schultz	Schultz

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.