

Americans for Tax Reform

Tax Ratings—106th Congress

United States House of Representatives

Second Session—2000

Preface to the 2000 ratings: In approaching the congressional scorecard for the second session of the 106th Congress, ATR was motivated by three principles: (1) defending against tax increases; (2) protecting against rampant spending; and (3) seeking institutional reforms that will protect taxpayers in the future. We have also rated two votes on “corporate welfare” in the House, an issue that often breaks along geographic rather than ideological or political lines. But in order to keep the total number of votes at the traditional 20, we have given the two votes a single weight, counting votes nos. 15 and 16 as a half vote each. Two issues are double weighted: the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and a constitutional supermajority of 2/3 of the two houses of Congress to raise taxes.

Explanation of House Votes

- 1. Marriage Penalty.** (Roll Call #15, 10 Feb.) The House passed a bill substantially eliminating the tax penalty for being married. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers
- 2. Fiscal 2001 Budget.** (Roll Call #75, 23 Mar.) The House adopted spending and revenue targets for the next 5 years, including up to \$200 billion in tax cuts and reservation of Social Security surpluses. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 3 & 4. Tax Limitation Amendment.** (Roll Call # 119, 12 April) The House failed to get the two-thirds vote needed for a constitutional amendment requiring a supermajority of Congress to raise taxes. For ATR, this vote is important enough to double weight. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 5. Tax Code Termination.** (Roll Call #127, 13 April) The House voted to abolish the current tax code, except for Social Security and Medicare, by Dec. 31, 2004. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 6. African Trade.** (Roll Call #145, 4 May) The House passed a bill extending tariff benefits to the Caribbean, Central America and sub-Saharan Africa. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 7. Interstate Tax Cartel.** (Roll Call #157, 10 May) The House passed a resolution calling on the states to harmonize their treatment of Internet taxes. Such a system would make it impossible for one state to adopt a tax rate lower than another. NO was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 8. Internet Tax Moratorium.** (Roll Call #158, 10 May) The House insisted on a 5-year extension of the moratorium on state and local Internet taxes, defeating an effort to cut the moratorium to two years. NO was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 9. Two Year Budget.** (Roll Call #186, 16 May) The House failed to pass an amendment moving to a two-year budget, which would allow Congress to better manage its oversight and authorizing functions. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 10. China Trade.** (Roll Call #228, 24 May) The House voted to establish permanent normal trade relations with China. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 11. Telephone Tax Repeal.** (Roll Call #229, 25 May) The House voted to take up (and eventually passed) a bill repealing the 1898 “temporary” tax on telephone service. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 12. Death Tax Repeal.** (Roll Call #254, 9 June) The House passed a bill phasing out entirely the tax on estates by 2010. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 13. Tobacco Lawsuit.** (Roll Call #293, 19 June) The House voted to keep a prohibition on using medical funding for a government lawsuit against tobacco companies. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 14. Debt Reduction/New Spending.** (Roll Call # 312, 22 June) The House defeated an amendment that would have reserved all spending cuts for debt reduction unless the House voted explicitly to divert them to other uses. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 15 & 16. Corporate Welfare.** (Roll Calls #376, 10 July and #383, 11 July) The House rejected two amendments that would have banned the use of tax money to promote the exports of large corporations and subsidize wool and mohair producers. The two votes together are given the weight of a single vote. YES votes were votes FOR taxpayers.
- 17. Marriage Penalty.** (Roll Call 392, 12 July) The House gave final approval of the bill reducing the tax penalty for being married. The tax savings amount to \$182 billion over 10 years. YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 18. Social Security Benefits Tax Repeal.** (Roll Call #449, 27 July) The House defeated an effort to limit the repeal of the Clinton-Gore tax on Social Security benefits based on income class. NO was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 19. Social Security Benefits Tax Repeal.** (Roll Call #450, 27 July) The House passed a bill repealing the Clinton-Gore tax on Social Security benefits. This was not a total repeal of taxes on Social Security benefits, but a YES was a vote FOR taxpayers.
- 20 & 21. The Taxpayer Protection Pledge.** ATR counts double the willingness of Members of Congress to sign a formal pledge that they will oppose any effort to raise taxes.

Dist./State	Vote #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	%
New Jersey																							
1	Andrews	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	40
2	LoBIONDO	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85
3	SAXTON	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
4	SMITH	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82.5
5	ROUKEMA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95
6	Pallone	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5
7	FRANKS	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
8	Pascrell	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.5
9	Rothman	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5
10	Payne	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
11	FRELINGHUYSEN	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
12	Holt	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	30
13	Menendez	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5

New Mexico																							
1	WILSON	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	85
2	SKEEN	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	75
3	Udall	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

New York																							
1	Forbes	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	A	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	65
2	LAZIO	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	A	-	+	+	+	-	70
3	KING	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77.5
4	McCarthy	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	40
5	Ackerman	-	A	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5
6	Meeks	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
7	Crowley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	7.5
8	Nadler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
9	Weiner	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	A	-	A	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	20
10	Towns	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
11	Owens	-	-	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
12	Velazquez	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5
13	FOSELLA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	97.5
14	Maloney	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	15
15	Rangel	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15
16	Serrano	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
17	Engel	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	A	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	10
18	Lowey	-	A	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	20
19	KELLY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95
20	GILMAN	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	65
21	McNulty	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
22	SWEENEY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75
23	BOEHLERT	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
24	McHUGH	+	A	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
25	WALSH	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
26	Hinchey	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
27	REYNOLDS	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
28	Slaughter	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
29	LaFalce	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5
30	QUINN	+	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75
31	HOUGHTON	+	+	A	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	62.5

North Carolina																							
1	Clayton	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
2	Etheridge	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	40
3	JONES	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82.5
4	Price	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15
5	BURR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85
6	COBLE	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
7	McIntyre	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	40
8	HAYES	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75
9	MYRICK	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	E	E	+	+	95
10	BALLENGER	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	90
11	TAYLOR	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	70
12	Watt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

North Dakota																							
AL	Pomeroy	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

Ohio																							
1	CHABOT	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
2	PORTMAN	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
3	Hall	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

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4	OXLEY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92.5
5	GILLMOR	A	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	65
6	Strickland	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	17.5
7	HOBSON	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	85
8	BOEHNER	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	92.5
9	Kaptur	-	-	A	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10	
10	Kucinich	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	5
11	Jones	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
12	KASICH	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92.5
13	Brown	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	5
14	Sawyer	-	-	-	-																		

