

## HR 4626

Encouraging Work and Supporting Marriage Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** May 1, 2002

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 22, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/4626>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-31]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	R · IL		May 1, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	May 14, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 21, 2002)

Encouraging Work and Supporting Marriage Act of 2002 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase the standard deduction for the married filing jointly category beginning in calendar year 2003.

Modifies the work opportunity credit by: (1) repealing the requirement that a "qualified ex-felon" be a member of a low-income (as specified) family; (2) increasing the maximum age for eligibility of food stamp recipients to 30 years; (3) redefining the term "vocational rehabilitation referral"; (4) adding "long-term family assistance recipients" (as defined) to the definition of "targeted groups"; and (5) increasing the maximum allowable credit for employment of long-term family assistance recipients.

Repeals the separate welfare-to-work credit.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **May 21, 2002:** Mr. Weller moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 21, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2685-2691)
- **May 21, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4626.
- **May 21, 2002:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 21, 2002:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2747-2748)
- **May 21, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 1 (Roll no. 177).(text: CR H2685-2686)
- **May 21, 2002:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 1 (Roll no. 177). (text: CR H2685-2686)
- **May 21, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 107-457.
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- **May 14, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 272.
- **May 2, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E678)
- **May 2, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 2, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 1, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.