

## HR 2

Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

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### Sponsor

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

**Cosponsors** (52 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Boehner, John A. [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Cox, Christopher [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Crane, Philip M. [R-IL-8]	R · IL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. DeLay, Tom [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. DeMint, Jim [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Dreier, David [R-CA-26]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Dunn, Jennifer [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Fossella, Vito [R-NY-13]	R · NY		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Hulshof, Kenny C. [R-MO-9]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Keller, Ric [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. McCrery, Jim [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. McInnis, Scott [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Portman, Rob [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Pryce, Deborah [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-26]	R · NY		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Shaw, E. Clay, Jr. [R-FL-22]	R · FL		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Collins, Mac [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Mar 11, 2003

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Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Chocola, Chris [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Mar 24, 2003
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 24, 2003
Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 26, 2003
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Apr 1, 2003
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Apr 10, 2003
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Apr 10, 2003
Rep. Ose, Doug [R-CA-3]	R · CA		May 6, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	May 8, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 253	Procedurally related	<b>May 23, 2003:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
108 S 1054	Procedurally related	<b>May 16, 2003:</b> Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 97.
108 HRES 227	Procedurally related	<b>May 9, 2003:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
108 S 2	Identical bill	<b>May 9, 2003:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 90.

**Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 - Title I: Acceleration of Certain Previously Enacted Tax Reductions** - (Sec. 101) Amends the Internal Revenue Code to accelerate the increase to the \$1,000 child tax credit to include 2003 and 2004. Maintains the levels and the sunset established under the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA) for years following.

Provides for advance payment for 2003.

(Sec. 102) Accelerates the increase in the 15 percent bracket for joint filers to twice that of single filers to make such increase applicable to 2003 and 2004. Maintains the levels and the sunset established under EGTRRA for years following.

(Sec. 103) Accelerates the increase in the standard deduction for joint filers to twice that of single filers to make such increase applicable to 2003 and 2004. Maintains the levels and the sunset established under EGTRRA for years following.

(Sec. 104) Revises the expansion of the 10 percent bracket for married taxpayers filing jointly scheduled to increase from \$12,000 to \$14,000 in 2008 as follows: (1) \$14,000 through 2004; and (2) \$12,000 for 2005 through 2007. Maintains the levels and the sunset established under EGTRRA for years following. Revises inflation adjustment provisions.

(Sec. 105) Accelerates to 2003 individual income tax rate reductions scheduled to begin in 2006. Maintains that level and the sunset established under EGTRRA for years following.

(Sec. 106) Increases the \$49,000 (for 2001 through 2004) and \$35,750 (for 2001 through 2004) alternative minimum tax exemption amounts to \$58,000 (for 2003 and 2004) and \$40,250 (for 2003 and 2004), respectively.

(Sec. 107) Establishes that the sunset provisions of EGTRRA apply to this title.

**Title II: Growth Incentives for Business** - (Sec. 201) Revises provisions concerning the special allowance for certain property acquired after September 10, 2001, and before September 11, 2004, with respect to certain property the original use of which commenced after May 5, 2003, to increase the 30 percent bonus to 50 percent and extend the placed in service date through January 1, 2005 (2006, in certain cases).

(Sec. 202) Increases the \$25,000 expensing allowance to \$100,000 for 2003 through 2005, the \$200,000 phaseout limit to \$400,000 for 2003 through 2005, and includes off-the-shelf computer software placed in service in 2003 through 2005 as qualifying property. Provides for inflation adjustments.

**Title III: Reduction in Taxes on Dividends and Capital Gains** - (Sec. 301) Reduces, for the regular and alternative minimum tax, the 10 and 20 percent adjusted net capital gain rates to 5 (zero percent in 2008) and 15 percent, respectively, for taxable years beginning on or after May 6, 2003, with transition rules for years that include May 6, 2003.

(Sec. 302) Provides, for the regular and alternative minimum tax, for the taxation of dividends received by an individual from domestic corporations at net capital gain rates. Includes as qualified dividend income dividends from qualified foreign corporations (foreign corporations incorporated in the United States or certain corporations eligible for benefits of a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States).

(Sec. 303) Sunsets provisions of this title December 31, 2008.

**Title IV: Temporary State Fiscal Relief** - (Sec. 401) Provides \$10 billion for State and local government assistance and \$10 billion for Medicaid assistance through September 30, 2004. Amends the Social Security Act to add a new title, Temporary State Fiscal Relief.

**Title V: Corporate Estimated Tax Payments for 2003** - (Sec. 501) Requires payment of 25 percent of September 2003 corporate estimated taxes by October 1, 2003.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 28, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **May 28, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-27.
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- **May 23, 2003:** Rule H. Res. 253 passed House.
- **May 23, 2003:** Mr. Thomas brought up conference report H. Rept. 108-126 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 253. (consideration: CR H4716-4730)
- **May 23, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the conference report.
- **May 23, 2003:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 23, 2003:** Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 231 - 200 (Roll no. 225).
- **May 23, 2003:** Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2003:** On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 231 - 200 (Roll no. 225).
- **May 23, 2003:** Conference report considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S7071-7089)
- **May 23, 2003:** Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 50. Record Vote Number: 196.
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- **May 23, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 23, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **May 22, 2003:** Mr. Thomas asked unanimous consent that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference. (consideration: CR H4534-4542, H4625-4706)
- **May 22, 2003:** On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H4625-4706)
- **May 22, 2003:** Mr. Stenholm moved that the House instruct conferees. (text: CR H4534)
- **May 22, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Stenholm motion to instruct conferees. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House to include in the conference report the fiscal relief provided to States by section 371 of the Senate amendment and to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference, agree to a conference report that will neither increase the Federal budget deficit nor increase the amount of the debt subject to the public debt limit.
- **May 22, 2003:** The previous question was ordered without objection.
- **May 22, 2003:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by voice vote.
- **May 22, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 22, 2003:** The Speaker appointed conferees: Thomas, DeLay, and Rangel.
- **May 22, 2003:** Conference papers: Senate report and manager's statement held at the desk in Senate.
- **May 22, 2003:** Conference report filed: Conference report H. Rept. 108-126 filed.(text of conference report: CR H4625-4706)
- **May 22, 2003:** Conference report H. Rept. 108-126 filed. (text of conference report: CR H4625-4706)
- **May 22, 2003:** Conference committee actions: Conferees agreed to file conference report.
- **May 22, 2003:** Conferees agreed to file conference report.
- **May 22, 2003:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 253 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to H.R. 2.
- **May 20, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 15, 2003:** Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S.1054 amended.
- **May 15, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate in lieu of S.1054 with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 49. Record Vote Number: 179.(consideration: CR S6474-6475; text as passed Senate: CR 5/20/2003 S6741-6786)
- **May 15, 2003:** Passed Senate in lieu of S.1054 with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 49. Record Vote Number: 179. (consideration: CR S6474-6475; text as passed Senate: CR 5/20/2003 S6741-6786)
- **May 15, 2003:** Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Grassley; Hatch; Nickles; Lott; Baucus; Rockefeller; Breaux.
- **May 12, 2003:** Received in the Senate.

- **May 9, 2003:** Rule H. Res. 227 passed House.
- **May 9, 2003:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 227. (consideration: CR H3902-3956)
- **May 9, 2003:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2 with 1 hour of general debate. Rule provides for debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill (H.Rept. 108-94) shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
- **May 9, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2.
- **May 9, 2003:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 9, 2003:** Mr. Rangel moved to recommit with instructions to Ways and Means.
- **May 9, 2003:** Floor summary: READING OF MOTION - The House proceeded with the reading of the proposed amendment in the nature of a substitute contained in the motion to recommit.
- **May 9, 2003:** Subsequently, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with further reading of the motion to recommit with instructions.
- **May 9, 2003:** Point of order sustained against the motion to recommit with instructions.
- **May 9, 2003:** Mr. Thomas raised a point of order against the motion to recommit with instructions. The provisions of the motion to recommit with instructions are not germane. Sustained by the Chair.
- **May 9, 2003:** Mr. Rangel appealed the ruling of the chair. The question was then put on sustaining the ruling of the chair.
- **May 9, 2003:** Mr. Thomas moved to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair.
- **May 9, 2003:** On motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair Agreed to by recorded vote: 222 - 202 (Roll No. 180).
- **May 9, 2003:** Mr. Moore moved to recommit with instructions to Ways and Means. (consideration: CR H3940-3956; text: CR H3940-3953)
- **May 9, 2003:** Floor summary: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Moore motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment that provides that the bill's provisions will not take effect until the Federal budget is in balance.
- **May 9, 2003:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **May 9, 2003:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 202 - 218 (Roll no. 181).
- **May 9, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 222 - 203 (Roll no. 182).(text: CR H3910-3913)
- **May 9, 2003:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 222 - 203 (Roll no. 182). (text: CR H3910-3913)
- **May 9, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 9, 2003:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 8, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 108-94.
- **May 8, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 108-94.
- **May 8, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 49.
- **May 8, 2003:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 227 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2 with 1 hour of general debate. Rule provides for debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill (H.Rept. 108-94) shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
- **May 6, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 6, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 15.
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 27, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.