
REPUBLICAN MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFERENCE ON THE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

TEXT OF THE MOTION

I move that the managers of the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the concurrent resolution on the budget, S. Con. Res. 21, be instructed to:

(A) Reject the House-Passed Budget's Massive Tax Increase. Recede from the revenue levels set forth in the House amendment; insist on the policy statement in section 401 of the House amendment, to support the extension of such tax provisions as the child tax credit, extension of marriage penalty relief, extension of the 10-percent individual income tax bracket, extension of the research and experimentation tax credit, extension of the deduction for State and local sales taxes; and recede to section 210 of the Senate resolution, which prohibits consideration of an increase in Federal income taxes;

(B) Insist on the Lowest Possible Level of Taxes. Insist on the lowest possible levels of revenue within the scope of the conference in fiscal years 2011 and 2012; and make any commensurate adjustments in outlay levels; and

(C) Stop the Raid on Social Security. Set forth a unified surplus of at least \$96 billion in fiscal year 2012 in resolving the differences between section 101(4) of the House amendment and section 101(4) of the Senate resolution.

Please note: boldface headings are descriptive and not part of the actual text of the motion.

WHAT THE MOTION DOES

- ***Rejects the House-Passed Budget's Massive Tax Increase.*** The motion explicitly rejects the \$392.5-billion tax increase *in the revenue levels* of the House-passed budget resolution (notwithstanding the "policy" language in the resolution, which is non-binding and unenforceable). The revenue levels in the resolution assume expiration of the 2001 and 2003 tax relief laws, and thus increases marginal income tax rates, reimposes the marriage penalty and death tax, cuts the child tax credit in half, and increases tax rates on capital gains and dividends, among other things.
- ***Insists on the Lowest Possible Level of Taxes.*** It calls for the conferees to insist on the lowest levels of taxes that they can within the scope of the conference, which would reflect the Senate revenue levels that were amended to reflect the extension of \$176 billion in expiring tax cuts.
- ***Stops the Raid on Social Security.*** Finally, it instructs the conferees to run a governmentwide, unified budget surplus at least equal least \$96 billion in fiscal year 2012. At this level, the Federal Government would no longer be using cash surpluses in the Social Security trust funds to finance general operations. The House Republican budget substitute ran a \$99-billion surplus in fiscal year 2012 even while extending provisions of the 2001 and 2003 tax laws – that is, with no tax increases.