

LOOKING IN THE MIRROR, REPUBLICANS DON'T LIKE WHAT THEY SEE

GOP Hypocritically Criticizes Own Tax Cuts

As the House passed the Democratic Budget this afternoon, Republicans were busy criticizing the tax cut expiration dates that, ironically, they themselves wrote and supported in 2001 and 2003.

May 26, 2001:

H.R. 1836, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001
211 Republicans voted in favor. (Roll Call Vote #149)

SEC. 901. SUNSET OF PROVISIONS OF ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL- All provisions of, and amendments made by, this Act shall not apply--

(1) to taxable, plan, or limitation years beginning after December 31, 2010, or

(2) in the case of title V, to estates of decedents dying, gifts made, or generation skipping transfers, after December 31, 2010.

May 23, 2003:

H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act
224 Republicans voted in favor. (Roll Call Vote #225)

SEC. 303. SUNSET OF TITLE.

All provisions of, and amendments made by, this title shall not apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be applied and administered to such years as if such provisions and amendments had never been enacted.

The Democratic budget maintains the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts through the GOP expiration date in 2010. Democrats then allow for an extension, but unlike Republicans insist that the middle class tax cuts are a priority and that they are paid for. The Democratic budget also adheres to the pay-as-you-go budget rules that helped created surpluses in the '90s. The Concord Coalition says the Democratic budget is "a successful first test of how seriously they [House Democrats] plan to abide by [the PAYGO] rule."