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**How Did Your
Representative Vote?**

		A VOTE FOR		
		Average Cost Per Household	LOWER TAXES and LESS Government	HIGH TAXES and BIG Government
1	HR 8. Estate Tax Repeal. Would make permanent the repeal of the federal estate tax included in the 2001 tax cut law. The repeal was set to expire after 2010. (Passed 264-163 on June 18, 2003, roll call #288.) Taxpayer Savings: \$162 Billion FY2004-13 ★ = Voted FOR this bill X = Voted AGAINST this bill	\$1,488 (savings)	★	
2	HR 1. Prescription Drug Benefit/Democrat Substitute. Would establish a drug benefit under Medicare. Partial coverage up to \$2,000, then pays 100% of costs. <i>See inside.</i> (Rejected 175-255 on June 27, 2003, roll call #330.) ★ = Voted AGAINST this substitute X = Voted FOR this substitute	\$8,898	★	
3	HR 1. Prescription Drug Benefit. Would establish a drug benefit under Medicare. Partial coverage up to \$3,500, then pays 100% of costs. <i>Unconstitutional. See inside.</i> (Passed 216-215 on June 27, 2003, roll call #332.) ★ = Voted AGAINST this bill X = Voted FOR this bill	\$3,811		X
4	HR 2660. Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations. Heavy in unconstitutional welfare. Up 10% over FY2003! 70% of this bill is for mandatory social services entitlements, including Medicare. (Passed 215-208 on July 10, 2003, roll call #353.) ★ = Voted AGAINST this bill X = Voted FOR this bill	\$4,316		X
5	HR 2673. Agriculture Appropriations. Includes \$26.8 billion for agricultural programs (a 5% increase) and \$44.1 billion for food stamp-type programs. <i>Unconstitutional.</i> (Passed 347-64 on July 14, 2003, roll call #358.) ★ = Voted AGAINST this bill X = Voted FOR this bill	\$712		X
6	HR 1950. State Dept. Authorization—Millennium Challenge Account. Authorizes \$9.3 billion for a new foreign aid program FY2004-6, plus \$1.7 billion for the Peace Corps. <i>Unconstitutional. See inside.</i> (Passed 368-52 on July 16, 2003, roll call #368.) ★ = Voted AGAINST this amendment X = Voted FOR this amendment	\$101	★	
7	HR 2691. FY2004 Interior Appropriation—Arts and Humanities Funds. Amendment to increase federal funding for the arts and humanities. <i>Hugely unconstitutional. Not an authorized federal function.</i> (Passed 225-200 on July 17, 2003, roll call #376.) ★ = Voted AGAINST this amendment X = Voted FOR this amendment	Minimal, but still outrageous	★	
8	HR 2799. Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations—UNESCO Funds. Amendment would have stripped out of the bill the \$71 million allocated for rejoining UNESCO, a subversive global school board. <i>See inside.</i> Rejected 145-279 on July 22, 2003, roll call #405.) ★ = Voted FOR this amendment X = Voted AGAINST this amendment	UNESCO subverts education	★	

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**Congress Advances the Welfare State and World Government:
\$pending More in 2004!**

Fiscal irresponsibility in Congress has hit new highs. In the midst of economic recession and the open-ended entanglement in Iraq, Congress boasts tax cuts, but has yet to put the breaks on new spending. Based on legislation likely to be passed this session, estimates from the Congressional Budget Office indicate that projected 10-year deficits could total **\$5 TRILLION!**

Congress continues to increase funding for unconstitutional welfare state programs and is even adding new programs, such as a prescription drug benefit—all designed to *buy votes!* Apparently, most congressmen believe that voters will not hold them accountable for excessive spending. They



promise voters a free lunch while disguising the true impact. Consumers pay corporate taxes in the form of higher prices. And federal borrowing drives up prices when financed by expanding the money supply. Government does not create wealth. It takes wealth—from us or *our children.*

Your Congressman's Spending Report Card

Did your representative vote for a new foreign aid program? See vote #6 on the back page!

Constitution Corner

Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution lists the cases in which the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction. And it also clearly states that *Congress has the power to limit the Court's jurisdiction* over cases appealed from a state or lower court:

In all the other cases ... the supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction ... with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make.

Thus, a courageous Congress can curb outrageous Supreme Court rulings such as those on abortion, prayer in school, or meddling in state matters, simply by using this power to limit the Court's jurisdiction in these matters.

Tax Bytes



Following the enactment of Permanent Normal Trade Relations legislation with China, production shifts out of the U.S. escalated. Between Oct. 1, 2000 and April 30, 2001 over 80 corporations announced their intention to move production to China.



The U.S. Export-Import Bank subsidizes the relocation of U.S. corporations to China.



Incredibly, as the erosion of America's manufacturing base accelerates, agencies of the U.S. government continue to encourage the transfer of U.S. manufacturing abroad. OPIC, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, helps U.S. businesses invest overseas by granting direct loans or loan guarantees and extending insurance to cover the risks.

The Proposed Prescription Drug Benefit Irresponsible and Unconstitutional

Rather than taking action to *prevent* a fiscal train wreck in our future, Congress is planning to add an enormous unconstitutional entitlement program. At a time when headlines are screaming about \$500 billion federal deficits and an exploding national debt, the Republican majority in the House has voted to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare that would cost at least \$400 billion dollars over the next 10 years (see Vote #3 on page 4)!

A majority of House Democrats favored a drug benefit that would have cost even more — \$1 TRILION over the next 10 years (see Vote #2 on page 4). Since *the actual costs of new federal entitlement programs always vastly exceed initial projections*, this new drug benefit would undoubtedly end up costing much more than \$400 billion.

To be sure, the rapidly rising cost of prescription drugs is a big problem for many Americans. However, there is an even bigger problem for *all* Americans — the huge *tax burden* imposed by federal, state, and local governments.

The Congressional Budget Office states that we are on the threshold of an era where **“either taxes**

will need to rise dramatically, spending on other federal programs will have to be cut severely, or federal borrowing will soar.” But borrowing is *already* soaring! For decades, Congress has attempted to postpone the negative impact of its politically motivated spending binge by deferring a large part of the costs as public debt.

The only sensible option is to cut federal programs severely! The Constitution provides a standard that Americans can rally around for prioritizing which federal programs to phase out. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution specifies the legislative powers of Congress. However, the majority of the money authorized and appropriated by Congress is for federal programs *not* authorized by the Constitution. If Congress faithfully followed the Constitution, federal spending could be reduced by as much as 80%!

Do your part! Write or call your representative and voice your support for restoring *constitutionally limited government*. And sign up for our e-mail alerts to monitor how your representative votes at: www.TRIMonline.org



About the TRIM Bulletin:

TRIM, a nonpartisan, nationwide program of The John Birch Society, seeks to inform the electorate so that it will demand from the House of Representatives *lower taxes through less government*. The word “trim” is a verb, meaning “to remove the excess.” The TRIM Bulletin reports on legislation that: **1.** includes significant unconstitutional or excessive spending; or **2.** indicates a desire, or lack thereof, to restore constitutionally limited government and curb the welfare state.

The “Star” and “X” columns on the back page reflect the “impact” of votes on the bills listed. Occasionally stars (indicating a right vote) are earned for the wrong reason, such as when a rep. opposes an excessive spending bill, because it allegedly does not spend enough. Clear-cut amendments to a bill are often reported that separate the big-spenders from those who champion limited government.

Average Cost Per Household expresses incomprehensibly huge spending costs in units that more clearly reflect personal impact. The total cost of a bill or amendment (over the next fiscal year or the life of the bill, as stated) is divided by the approximate number of households in the U.S. Households will bear these costs through personal taxes and various forms of indirect taxes such as monetary inflation.

About votes on the back page ... Advancing World Government

More on Vote #6: This *new* multi-billion dollar foreign aid program promotes the key development objectives described in the United Nations Millennium Declaration. However, foreign aid is not authorized by the U.S. Constitution. And despite the promises of proponents, *government-to-government* aid has most often served to prop up socialist tyrannies rather than reform them.

More on Vote #8: The House should have approved this amendment, which would have prevented our nation from *rejoining* UNESCO. The U.S. withdrew from UNESCO in 1984 because of its subversive agenda. UNESCO has *not* reformed. It clearly intends to become a global school board with a goal of preparing our children to champion world government at the expense of national authority. UNESCO is the principal UN organ promoting the Earth Charter, a globalist guide for moral values that *promotes pagan, nature worship and empowering the UN*, while undermining biblical religious beliefs!