

Tax Policies

Fred says he supports lower taxes for individuals and businesses, but how does he vote on raising or cutting taxes?

2008 – Supported increased income tax surcharge

HR 2642 (Roll Call 330). Voted for additional appropriations for various agencies in three sections, which included an income tax surcharge and prevented HHS from implementing Medicaid reforms already approved by Congress. The bill was adopted May 15, 2008.

2008 – Supported Underhanded permanent increase on business taxes

HR 6049 (Roll Call 344). Voted in favor of a bill extending expiring and expired tax provisions. The bill extended tax credits for so-called “renewable” and alternative energy sources for one year while permanently increasing some business taxes. Ultimately, the bill amounted to a legislative sleight-of-hand permanent tax increase, but the bill passed May 21, 2008.

2008 – Supported Permanent Tax increases

HR 7060 (Roll Call 649). Voted to extend a number of expired and expiring energy-related and other business-targeted tax breaks for one year while permanently increasing taxes on domestic energy producers and others. The bill passed September 26, 2008.

2007 - Supported Large tax increase to support new government regulations in energy policy

HR 6 (Roll Call 1177). Voted to pass new energy regulations mandating increased automobile mileage, paid for by \$2.1 billion in new taxes.

2004 – Supported a requirement subjecting all tax cuts to a 60 vote standard in the Senate

Sen. Con. Res. 95 (Roll Call 97). Voted in favor of accepting Senate-passed requirements that would mandate that no tax cuts could be implemented unless a supermajority of Senators (60) voted for it, making tax cuts nearly impossible. Fred’s vote almost tipped the scale, the bill was very narrowly defeated (209-209).

2001 – Opposed massive tax relief

H. Con. Res. 83 (Roll Call Vote No. 68). Voted against substitute to the budget resolution that provided for \$2.3 trillion in tax cuts over 10 years.

2000 – Opposed Conservative Tax Cuts

Fiscal 2001 Budget Resolution Conservative Substitute H.Con.Res. 290 (Roll Call Vote No. 73)

Voted against a conservative alternative to the Congressional Budget Resolution calling that included \$270 billion in tax cuts.

1992 – Supported overriding the Presidential Veto of Massive Tax Hikes

Voted to override President Bush's veto of a \$75.5 billion tax bill that included raising the top-personal income tax rate to 36% and a 10% increase on the highest income tax earners. Override failed, 3/25/92.

1989 – Supported elimination of tax relief

Vote yes on an amendment to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act that would have eliminated the capital gains tax cut called for in the reconciliation bill. The amendment also would have raised from 28% to 33% the top marginal tax rate. Amendment was rejected on 9/28/89.