

# FAIR Taxes for ALL

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## Senate Fix On Child Tax Credits Voted Down in the House

*Only a few months after voting to support Senate legislation fixing child tax credits, 11 House Members voted against Senate legislation today*

[Washington, DC] The House today rejected an amendment that would have added the Senate's fix on Child Tax Credits (CTC) to the Charitable Giving Act of 2003 [HR 7]. The motion [Roll Call Vote 507, <http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=507>] would have amended HR 7 to include the exact Senate language on the CTC. While the CTC amendment failed, HR 7 passed by more than 400 votes – a clear sign that a golden opportunity to extend the CTC to working families was lost.

“The House had an opportunity today to keep seven million hard-working families from being left out of the increase in the child tax credit, and they failed miserably,” said Nancy Duff Campbell, Co-Director of the National Women's Law Center and a Fair Taxes For All Coalition co-chair. “House Republican Leader Tom Delay meant it when he callously said child tax credits for these working families ‘ain’t gonna happen.’”

Numerous House members voted against the Senate legislation today only a few months after taking a procedural vote in support of the Senate's fix on the Child Tax Credit. On June 12, 2003 [Roll Call Vote 275, <http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=275#NAY>], 12 House Republicans joined 192 Democrats and voted for a Motion to Instruct [<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/F?r108:2:./temp/~r108kr02C8:e0:>] House and Senate conferees to adopt Senate language that would immediately extend Child Tax Credits to working families.

Of the 12 Members who voted to instruct conferees to adopt the Senate legislation in June, there were 11 who voted NO on today's up-or-down vote on the Senate's Child Tax Credit fix. Those Members are Bass, Bereuter, Boehlert, Burr, Capito, Gillmor, Johnson (IL), Leach, Upton, McHugh and Smith (MI).

“It's clear these Members of Congress are only giving lip service to these working families who need help in this ailing economy,” said Roger Hickey, Co-Director of the Campaign for America's Future and a Fair Taxes For All Coalition co-chair. “These Members should be ashamed of their hypocrisy. Hard-working families deserve better!”

Today's vote also comes on the eve of President Bush's proclaimed “Family Day” on Monday, September 22.

“The President has barely lifted a finger to get increased child tax credits to these working families,” said Hickey. “Until these families get the child tax credits they deserve, every day will be ‘Forgotten Family Day.’”

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The Fair Taxes For All Coalition is a massive coalition of organizations co-chaired by People For the American Way, National Women's Law Center, AFSCME, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, USAction, and the Campaign for America's Future. More than 300 national, state and local groups and coalitions – together representing millions of Americans – have pledged to defeat Bush Administration tax proposals that would take resources from health care, education, Social Security, and homeland security in order to give massive tax breaks to the very wealthiest Americans.