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**[Report No. 108-94]**

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

MAY 8, 2003

Additional sponsors: Mr. DELAY, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. COX, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. SHAW, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DUNN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. MCCOTTER, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KELLER, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TERRY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. HART, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, and Mr. OSE

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*Sec. 104. Acceleration of 10-percent individual income tax rate bracket expansion.*

*Sec. 105. Acceleration of reduction in individual income tax rates.*

*Sec. 106. Minimum tax relief to individuals.*

**TITLE II—GROWTH INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS**

*Sec. 201. Increase and extension of bonus depreciation.*

*Sec. 202. Increased expensing for small business.*

*Sec. 203. 5-year carryback of certain net operating losses.*

**TITLE III—REDUCTIONS IN TAXES ON DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL GAINS**

*Sec. 301. Reduction in capital gains rates for individuals; repeal of 5-year holding period requirement.*

*Sec. 302. Dividends of individuals taxed at capital gain rates.*

*Sec. 303. Sunset of title.*

**TITLE IV—CORPORATE ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS FOR 2003**

*Sec. 401. Time for payment of corporate estimated taxes.*

1 **TITLE I—ACCELERATION OF**  
 2 **CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY EN-**  
 3 **ACTED TAX REDUCTIONS**

4 **SEC. 101. ACCELERATION OF INCREASE IN CHILD TAX**  
 5 **CREDIT.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The items relating to calendar*  
 7 *years 2001 through 2008 in the table contained in para-*  
 8 *graph (2) of section 24(a) (relating to per child amount)*  
 9 *are amended to read as follows:*

“2003, 2004, 2005 .....	\$1,000
2006, 2007, or 2008 .....	700”.

10 (b) *ADVANCE PAYMENT OF PORTION OF INCREASED*  
 11 *CREDIT IN 2003.*—

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subchapter B of chapter 65*  
 13 *(relating to abatements, credits, and refunds) is*

1       amended by inserting after section 6428 the following  
2       new section:

3       **“SEC. 6429. ADVANCE PAYMENT OF PORTION OF IN-**  
4       **CREASED CHILD CREDIT FOR 2003.**

5       “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Each taxpayer who claimed a  
6       credit under section 24 on the return for the taxpayer’s first  
7       taxable year beginning in 2002 shall be treated as having  
8       made a payment against the tax imposed by chapter 1 for  
9       such taxable year in an amount equal to the child tax credit  
10      refund amount (if any) for such taxable year.

11      “(b) *CHILD TAX CREDIT REFUND AMOUNT.*—For pur-  
12      poses of this section, the child tax credit refund amount is  
13      the amount by which the aggregate credits allowed under  
14      part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 for such first taxable  
15      year would have been increased if—

16              “(1) the per child amount under section 24(a)(2)  
17              for such year were \$1,000,

18              “(2) only qualifying children (as defined in sec-  
19              tion 24(c)) of the taxpayer for such year who had not  
20              attained age 17 as of December 31, 2003, were taken  
21              into account, and

22              “(3) section 24(d)(1)(B)(ii) did not apply.

23      “(c) *TIMING OF PAYMENTS.*—In the case of any over-  
24      payment attributable to this section, the Secretary shall,  
25      subject to the provisions of this title, refund or credit such

1 *overpayment as rapidly as possible and, to the extent prac-*  
2 *ticable, before October 1, 2003. No refund or credit shall*  
3 *be made or allowed under this section after December 31,*  
4 *2003.*

5 *“(d) COORDINATION WITH CHILD TAX CREDIT.—*

6 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of credit which*  
7 *would (but for this subsection and section 26) be al-*  
8 *lowed under section 24 for the taxpayer’s first taxable*  
9 *year beginning in 2003 shall be reduced (but not*  
10 *below zero) by the payments made to the taxpayer*  
11 *under this section. Any failure to so reduce the credit*  
12 *shall be treated as arising out of a mathematical or*  
13 *clerical error and assessed according to section*  
14 *6213(b)(1).*

15 *“(2) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a payment*  
16 *under this section with respect to a joint return, half*  
17 *of such payment shall be treated as having been made*  
18 *to each individual filing such return.*

19 *“(e) NO INTEREST.—No interest shall be allowed on*  
20 *any overpayment attributable to this section.”.*

21 *(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-*  
22 *tions for subchapter B of chapter 65 is amended by*  
23 *adding at the end the following new item:*

*“Sec. 6429. Advance payment of portion of increased child credit for 2003.”.*

24 *(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—*

1           (1) *SUBSECTION (a).*—*The amendment made by*  
 2           *subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning*  
 3           *after December 31, 2002.*

4           (2) *SUBSECTION (b).*—*The amendments made by*  
 5           *subsection (b) shall take effect on the date of the en-*  
 6           *actment of this Act.*

7   ***SEC. 102. ACCELERATION OF 15-PERCENT INDIVIDUAL IN-***  
 8                           ***COME TAX RATE BRACKET EXPANSION FOR***  
 9                           ***MARRIED TAXPAYERS FILING JOINT RE-***  
 10                          ***TURNS.***

11          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The item relating to 2005 in the*  
 12          *table contained in subparagraph (B) of section 1(f)(8) (re-*  
 13          *lating to applicable percentage) is amended to read as fol-*  
 14          *lows:*

“2003, 2004, and 2005 ..... 200”.

15          (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

16               (1) *Section 1(f)(8)(A) is amended by striking*  
 17               *“2004” and inserting “2002”.*

18               (2) *Section 302(c) of the Economic Growth and*  
 19               *Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 is amended by*  
 20               *striking “2004” and inserting “2002”.*

21          (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by this*  
 22          *section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-*  
 23          *ber 31, 2002.*

1 **SEC. 103. ACCELERATION OF INCREASE IN STANDARD DE-**  
 2 **DUCTION FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS FILING**  
 3 **JOINT RETURNS.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The item relating to 2005 in the*  
 5 *table contained in paragraph (7) of section 63(c) (relating*  
 6 *to applicable percentage) is amended to read as follows:*

“2003, 2004, and 2005 ..... 200”.

7 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—*Section 301(d) of the*  
 8 *Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of*  
 9 *2001 is amended by striking “2004” and inserting “2002”.*

10 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by this*  
 11 *section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-*  
 12 *ber 31, 2002.*

13 **SEC. 104. ACCELERATION OF 10-PERCENT INDIVIDUAL IN-**  
 14 **COME TAX RATE BRACKET EXPANSION.**

15 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Clause (i) of section 1(i)(1)(B) (re-*  
 16 *lating to the initial bracket amount) is amended by striking*  
 17 *“(\$12,000 in the case of taxable years beginning before Jan-*  
 18 *uary 1, 2008)” and inserting “(\$12,000 in the case of tax-*  
 19 *able years beginning after December 31, 2005, and before*  
 20 *January 1, 2008)”.*

21 (b) *INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.*—*Subparagraph (C) of*  
 22 *section 1(i)(1) is amended to read as follows:*

23 “(C) *INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.*—*In pre-*  
 24 *scribing the tables under subsection (f) which*

1           *apply with respect to taxable years beginning in*  
2           *calendar years after 2000—*

3                   “(i) *the Secretary shall make no ad-*  
4                   *justment to the \$12,000 initial bracket*  
5                   *amount for any taxable year,*

6                   “(ii)(I) *the Secretary shall make no*  
7                   *adjustment to the \$14,000 initial bracket*  
8                   *amount for any taxable year beginning be-*  
9                   *fore January 1, 2004,*

10                   “(II) *the cost-of-living adjustment used*  
11                   *in making adjustments to the \$14,000 ini-*  
12                   *tial bracket amount for any taxable year be-*  
13                   *ginning during 2004 or 2005 shall be deter-*  
14                   *mined under subsection (f)(3) by sub-*  
15                   *stituting ‘2002’ for ‘1992’ in subparagraph*  
16                   *(B) thereof, and*

17                   “(III) *the cost-of-living adjustment*  
18                   *used in making adjustments to the \$14,000*  
19                   *initial bracket amount for any taxable year*  
20                   *beginning after December 31, 2008, shall be*  
21                   *determined under subsection (f)(3) by sub-*  
22                   *stituting ‘2007’ for ‘1992’ in subparagraph*  
23                   *(B) thereof, and*

1                   “(iii) the adjustments under clause (ii)  
 2                   shall not apply to the amount referred to in  
 3                   subparagraph (B)(iii).

4                   If any amount after adjustment under the pre-  
 5                   ceding sentence is not a multiple of \$50, such  
 6                   amount shall be rounded to the next lowest mul-  
 7                   tiple of \$50.”

8                   (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—

9                   (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The amendments made by  
 10                  this section shall apply to taxable years beginning  
 11                  after December 31, 2002.

12                  (2) *TABLES FOR 2003.*—The Secretary of the  
 13                  Treasury shall modify each table which has been pre-  
 14                  scribed under section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue  
 15                  Code of 1986 for taxable years beginning in 2003 and  
 16                  which relates to the amendment made by this section  
 17                  to reflect such amendment.

18                  **SEC. 105. ACCELERATION OF REDUCTION IN INDIVIDUAL**  
 19                  **INCOME TAX RATES.**

20                  (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The table in paragraph (2) of sec-  
 21                  tion 1(i) (relating to reductions in rates after June 30,  
 22                  2001) is amended to read as follows:

<i>“In the case of taxable years beginning during calendar year:</i>	<i>The corresponding percentages shall be substituted for the following percentages:</i>			
	<b>28%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>39.6%</b>
2001 .....	27.5%	30.5%	35.5%	39.1%
2002 .....	27.0%	30.0%	35.0%	38.6%
2003 and thereafter .....	25.0%	28.0%	33.0%	35.0%”.

1       (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by this*  
2 *section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-*  
3 *ber 31, 2002.*

4 ***SEC. 106. MINIMUM TAX RELIEF TO INDIVIDUALS.***

5       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—

6           (1) *Subparagraph (A) of section 55(d)(1) is*  
7 *amended by striking “\$49,000 in the case of taxable*  
8 *years beginning in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004” and*  
9 *inserting “\$64,000 in the case of taxable years begin-*  
10 *ning in 2003, 2004, and 2005”.*

11           (2) *Subparagraph (B) of section 55(d)(1) is*  
12 *amended by striking “\$35,750 in the case of taxable*  
13 *years beginning in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004” and*  
14 *inserting “\$43,250 in the case of taxable years begin-*  
15 *ning in 2003, 2004, and 2005”.*

16       (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by sub-*  
17 *section (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after De-*  
18 *cember 31, 2002.*

19 ***TITLE II—GROWTH INCENTIVES***  
20 ***FOR BUSINESS***

21 ***SEC. 201. INCREASE AND EXTENSION OF BONUS DEPRECIATION.***  
22

23       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 168(k) (relating to special*  
24 *allowance for certain property acquired after September 10,*

1 2001, and before September 11, 2004) is amended by adding  
2 at the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(4) 50-PERCENT BONUS DEPRECIATION FOR  
4 CERTAIN PROPERTY.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of 50-per-  
6 cent bonus depreciation property—

7 “(i) paragraph (1)(A) shall be applied  
8 by substituting ‘50 percent’ for ‘30 percent’,  
9 and

10 “(ii) except as provided in paragraph  
11 (2)(C), such property shall be treated as  
12 qualified property for purposes of this sub-  
13 section.

14 “(B) 50-PERCENT BONUS DEPRECIATION  
15 PROPERTY.—For purposes of this subsection, the  
16 term ‘50-percent bonus depreciation property’  
17 means property described in paragraph  
18 (2)(A)(i)—

19 “(i) the original use of which com-  
20 mences with the taxpayer after May 5,  
21 2003,

22 “(ii) which is acquired by the taxpayer  
23 after May 5, 2003, and before January 1,  
24 2006, but only if no written binding con-

1           tract for the acquisition was in effect before  
2           May 6, 2003, and

3           “(iii) which is placed in service by the  
4           taxpayer before January 1, 2006, or, in the  
5           case of property described in paragraph  
6           (2)(B) (as modified by subparagraph (C) of  
7           this paragraph), before January 1, 2007.

8           “(C) *SPECIAL RULES.*—Rules similar to the  
9           rules of subparagraphs (B) and (D) of para-  
10          graph (2) shall apply for purposes of this para-  
11          graph; except that references to September 10,  
12          2001, shall be treated as references to May 5,  
13          2003.

14          “(D) *AUTOMOBILES.*—Paragraph (2)(E)  
15          shall be applied by substituting ‘\$9,200’ for  
16          ‘\$4,600’ in the case of 50-percent bonus deprecia-  
17          tion property.

18          “(E) *ELECTION OF 30 PERCENT BONUS.*—If  
19          a taxpayer makes an election under this sub-  
20          paragraph with respect to any class of property  
21          for any taxable year, subparagraph (A)(i) shall  
22          not apply to all property in such class placed in  
23          service during such taxable year.”

24          (b) *EXTENSION OF PLACED IN SERVICE DATES, ETC.*  
25          *FOR 30-PERCENT BONUS DEPRECIATION PROPERTY.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Clause (iv) of section*  
2 *168(k)(2)(A) is amended—*

3                 *(A) by striking “January 1, 2005” and in-*  
4 *serting “January 1, 2006”, and*

5                 *(B) by striking “January 1, 2006” (as in*  
6 *effect before the amendment made by subpara-*  
7 *graph (A)) and inserting “January 1, 2007”.*

8           (2) *PORTION OF BASIS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.*—

9                 *(A) Subparagraphs (B)(ii) and (D)(i) of*  
10 *section 168(k)(2) are each amended by striking*  
11 *“September 11, 2004” each place it appears in*  
12 *the text and inserting “January 1, 2006”.*

13                 *(B) Clause (ii) of section 168(k)(2)(B) is*  
14 *amended by striking “PRE-SEPTEMBER 11, 2004”*  
15 *in the heading and inserting “PRE-JANUARY 1,*  
16 *2006”.*

17           (3) *ACQUISITION DATE.*—*Clause (iii) of section*  
18 *168(k)(2)(A) is amended by striking “September 11,*  
19 *2004” each place it appears and inserting “January*  
20 *1, 2006”.*

21           (4) *ELECTION.*—*Clause (iii) of section*  
22 *168(k)(2)(C) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*  
23 *lowing: “The preceding sentence shall be applied sepa-*  
24 *rately with respect to property treated as qualified*

1 *property by paragraph (4) and other qualified prop-*  
2 *erty.”*

3 *(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

4 *(1) The subsection heading for section 168(k) is*  
5 *amended by striking “SEPTEMBER 11, 2004” and in-*  
6 *serting “JANUARY 1, 2006”.*

7 *(2) The heading for clause (i) of section*  
8 *1400L(b)(2)(C) is amended by striking “30-PERCENT*  
9 *ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE PROPERTY” and inserting*  
10 *“BONUS DEPRECIATION PROPERTY UNDER SECTION*  
11 *168(k)”.*

12 *(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this*  
13 *section shall apply to taxable years ending after the date*  
14 *of the enactment of this Act.*

15 ***SEC. 202. INCREASED EXPENSING FOR SMALL BUSINESS.***

16 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 179(b)*  
17 *(relating to dollar limitation) is amended to read as follows:*

18 *“(1) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The aggregate cost*  
19 *which may be taken into account under subsection (a)*  
20 *for any taxable year shall not exceed \$25,000*  
21 *(\$100,000 in the case of taxable years beginning after*  
22 *2002 and before 2008).”.*

23 *(b) INCREASE IN QUALIFYING INVESTMENT AT WHICH*  
24 *PHASEOUT BEGINS.—Paragraph (2) of section 179(b) (re-*  
25 *lating to reduction in limitation) is amended by inserting*

1 “(\$400,000 in the case of taxable years beginning after 2002  
2 and before 2008)” after “\$200,000”.

3 (c) *OFF-THE-SHELF COMPUTER SOFTWARE*.—Para-  
4 graph (1) of section 179(d) (defining section 179 property)  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 “(1) *SECTION 179 PROPERTY*.—For purposes of  
7 this section, the term ‘section 179 property’ means  
8 property—

9 “(A) which is—

10 “(i) tangible property (to which section  
11 168 applies), or

12 “(ii) computer software (as defined in  
13 section 197(e)(3)(B)) which is described in  
14 section 197(e)(3)(A)(i), to which section 167  
15 applies, and which is placed in service in a  
16 taxable year beginning after 2002 and be-  
17 fore 2008,

18 “(B) which is section 1245 property (as de-  
19 fined in section 1245(a)(3)), and

20 “(C) which is acquired by purchase for use  
21 in the active conduct of a trade or business.

22 Such term shall not include any property described in  
23 section 50(b) and shall not include air conditioning  
24 or heating units.”.

1           (d) *ADJUSTMENT OF DOLLAR LIMIT AND PHASEOUT*  
2 *THRESHOLD FOR INFLATION.*—Subsection (b) of section  
3 179 (relating to limitations) is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following new paragraph:

5                   “(5) *INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS.*—

6                           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—In the case of any tax-  
7 able year beginning in a calendar year after  
8 2003 and before 2008, the \$100,000 and  
9 \$400,000 amounts in paragraphs (1) and (2)  
10 shall each be increased by an amount equal to—

11                                   “(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

12   “(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-  
13 termined under section 1(f)(3) for the cal-  
14 endar year in which the taxable year be-  
15 gins, by substituting ‘calendar year 2002’  
16 for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph  
17 (B) thereof.

18                           “(B) *ROUNDING.*—

19                                   “(i) *DOLLAR LIMITATION.*—If the  
20 amount in paragraph (1) as increased  
21 under subparagraph (A) is not a multiple  
22 of \$1,000, such amount shall be rounded to  
23 the nearest multiple of \$1,000.

24                                   “(ii) *PHASEOUT AMOUNT.*—If the  
25 amount in paragraph (2) as increased

1           under subparagraph (A) is not a multiple  
2           of \$10,000, such amount shall be rounded to  
3           the nearest multiple of \$10,000.”.

4           (e) *REVOCATION OF ELECTION.*—Paragraph (2) of sec-  
5           tion 179(c) (relating to election irrevocable) is amended to  
6           read as follows:

7           “(2) *REVOCATION OF ELECTION.*—An election  
8           under paragraph (1) with respect to any taxable year  
9           beginning after 2002 and before 2008, and any speci-  
10          fication contained in any such election, may be re-  
11          voked by the taxpayer with respect to any property.  
12          Such revocation, once made, shall be irrevocable.”.

13          (f) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this  
14          section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-  
15          ber 31, 2002.

16       **SEC. 203. 5-YEAR CARRYBACK OF CERTAIN NET OPERATING**  
17                               **LOSSES.**

18          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subparagraph (H) of section  
19          172(b)(1) is amended—

20               (1) by inserting “5-YEAR CARRYBACK OF CER-  
21               TAIN LOSSES.—” after “(H)”, and

22               (2) by striking “or 2002” and inserting “, 2002,  
23               2003, 2004 or 2005”.

1       **(b) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 90 PERCENT LIMIT**  
2 **ON CERTAIN NOL CARRYBACKS.**—*Subclause (I) of section*  
3 *56(d)(1)(A)(ii) is amended—*

4           *(1) by striking “or 2002” and inserting “, 2002,*  
5 *2003, 2004, or 2005”, and*

6           *(2) by striking “and 2002” and inserting “,*  
7 *2002, 2003, 2004, or 2005”.*

8       **(c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**—

9           *(1) Subparagraph (H) of section 172(b)(1) is*  
10 *amended by striking “a taxpayer which has”.*

11           *(2) Section 102(c)(2) of the Job Creation and*  
12 *Worker Assistance Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–147)*  
13 *is amended by striking “before January 1, 2003” and*  
14 *inserting “after December 31, 1990”.*

15           *(3)(A) Subclause (I) of section 56(d)(1)(A)(i) is*  
16 *amended by striking “attributable to carryovers”.*

17           **(B) Subclause (I) of section 56(d)(1)(A)(ii) is**  
18 *amended—*

19           *(i) by striking “for taxable years” and in-*  
20 *serting “from taxable years”, and*

21           *(ii) by striking “carryforwards” and insert-*  
22 *ing “carryovers”.*

23       **(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.**—

24           **(1) IN GENERAL.**—*Except as provided in para-*  
25 *graph (2), the amendments made by this section shall*

1        *apply to net operating losses for taxable years ending*  
 2        *after December 31, 2002.*

3            (2) *TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—The amend-*  
 4        *ments made by subsection (c) shall take effect as if in-*  
 5        *cluded in the amendments made by section 102 of the*  
 6        *Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002.*

7            (3) *ELECTION.—In the case of a net operating*  
 8        *loss for a taxable year ending during 2003—*

9            (A) *any election made under section*  
 10        *172(b)(3) of such Code may (notwithstanding*  
 11        *such section) be revoked before November 1, 2003,*  
 12        *and*

13            (B) *any election made under section 172(j)*  
 14        *of such Code shall (notwithstanding such section)*  
 15        *be treated as timely made if made before Novem-*  
 16        *ber 1, 2003.*

17        ***TITLE III—REDUCTION IN TAXES***  
 18        ***ON DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL***  
 19        ***GAINS***

20        ***SEC. 301. REDUCTION IN CAPITAL GAINS RATES FOR INDI-***  
 21                            ***VIDUALS; REPEAL OF 5-YEAR HOLDING PE-***  
 22                            ***RIOD REQUIREMENT.***

23            (a) *IN GENERAL.—*

1           (1) Sections 1(h)(1)(B) and 55(b)(3)(B) are each  
2 amended by striking “10 percent” and inserting “5  
3 percent”.

4           (2) The following sections are each amended by  
5 striking “20 percent” and inserting “15 percent”:

6           (A) Section 1(h)(1)(C).

7           (B) Section 55(b)(3)(C).

8           (C) Section 1445(e)(1).

9           (D) The second sentence of section  
10 7518(g)(6)(A).

11           (E) The second sentence of section  
12 607(h)(6)(A) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Section 1(h) is amended—

15           (A) by striking paragraphs (2) and (9),

16           (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
17 through (8) as paragraphs (2) through (7), re-  
18 spectively, and

19           (C) by redesignating paragraphs (10), (11),  
20 and (12) as paragraphs (8), (9), and (10), re-  
21 spectively.

22 (2) Paragraph (3) of section 55(b) is amended by  
23 striking “In the case of taxable years beginning after  
24 December 31, 2000, rules similar to the rules of sec-

1        *tion 1(h)(2) shall apply for purposes of subpara-*  
2        *graphs (B) and (C).”.*

3            (3) *Paragraph (7) of section 57(a) is amended—*

4                    (A) *by striking “42 percent” the first place*  
5                    *it appears and inserting “7 percent”, and*

6                    (B) *by striking the last sentence.*

7        (c) *TRANSITIONAL RULES FOR TAXABLE YEARS*  
8        *WHICH INCLUDE MAY 6, 2003.—For purposes of applying*  
9        *section 1(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in the*  
10       *case of a taxable year which includes May 6, 2003—*

11            (1) *The amount of tax determined under sub-*  
12        *paragraph (B) of section 1(h)(1) of such Code shall be*  
13        *the sum of—*

14                    (A) *5 percent of the lesser of—*

15                            (i) *the net capital gain determined by*  
16                            *taking into account only gain or loss prop-*  
17                            *erly taken into account for the portion of*  
18                            *the taxable year on or after May 6, 2003*  
19                            *(determined without regard to collectibles*  
20                            *gain or loss, gain described in section*  
21                            *1(h)(6)(A)(i) of such Code, and section 1202*  
22                            *gain), or*

23                            (ii) *the amount on which a tax is de-*  
24                            *termined under such subparagraph (without*  
25                            *regard to this subsection),*

1 (B) 8 percent of the lesser of—

2 (i) the qualified 5-year gain (as de-  
3 fined in section 1(h)(9) of the Internal Rev-  
4 enue Code of 1986, as in effect on the day  
5 before the date of the enactment of this Act)  
6 properly taken into account for the portion  
7 of the taxable year before May 6, 2003, over

8 (ii) the excess (if any) of—

9 (I) the amount on which a tax is  
10 determined under such subparagraph  
11 (without regard to this subsection),  
12 over

13 (II) the amount on which a tax is  
14 determined under subparagraph (A),  
15 plus

16 (C) 10 percent of the excess (if any) of—

17 (i) the amount on which a tax is deter-  
18 mined under such subparagraph (without  
19 regard to this subsection), over

20 (ii) the sum of the amounts on which  
21 a tax is determined under subparagraphs  
22 (A) and (B).

23 (2) The amount of tax determined under sub-  
24 paragraph (C) of section (1)(h)(1) of such Code shall  
25 be the sum of—

1 (A) 15 percent of the lesser of—

2 (i) the excess (if any) of the amount of  
3 net capital gain determined under subpara-  
4 graph (A)(i) of paragraph (1) of this sub-  
5 section over the amount on which a tax is  
6 determined under subparagraph (A) of  
7 paragraph (1) of this subsection, or

8 (ii) the amount on which a tax is de-  
9 termined under such subparagraph (C)  
10 (without regard to this subsection), plus

11 (B) 20 percent of the excess (if any) of—

12 (i) the amount on which a tax is deter-  
13 mined under such subparagraph (C) (with-  
14 out regard to this subsection), over

15 (ii) the amount on which a tax is de-  
16 termined under subparagraph (A) of this  
17 paragraph.

18 (3) For purposes of applying section 55(b)(3) of  
19 such Code, rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (1)  
20 and (2) of this subsection shall apply.

21 (4) In applying this subsection with respect to  
22 any pass-thru entity, the determination of when gains  
23 and loss are properly taken into account shall be  
24 made at the entity level.

1           (5) *For purposes of applying section 1(h)(11) of*  
2 *such Code, as added by section 302 of this Act, to this*  
3 *subsection, dividends which are qualified dividend in-*  
4 *come shall be treated as gain properly taken into ac-*  
5 *count for the portion of the taxable year on or after*  
6 *May 6, 2003.*

7           (6) *Terms used in this subsection which are also*  
8 *used in section 1(h) of such Code shall have the re-*  
9 *spective meanings that such terms have in such sec-*  
10 *tion.*

11       (d) *EFFECTIVE DATES.—*

12           (1) *IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided*  
13 *by this subsection, the amendments made by this sec-*  
14 *tion shall apply to taxable years ending on or after*  
15 *May 6, 2003.*

16           (2) *WITHHOLDING.—The amendment made by*  
17 *subsection (a)(2)(C) shall apply to amounts paid*  
18 *after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

19           (3) *SMALL BUSINESS STOCK.—The amendments*  
20 *made by subsection (b)(3) shall apply to dispositions*  
21 *on or after May 6, 2003.*

1 **SEC. 302. DIVIDENDS OF INDIVIDUALS TAXED AT CAPITAL**  
2 **GAIN RATES.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1(h) (relating to maximum  
4 capital gains rate), as amended by section 301, is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(11) *DIVIDENDS TAXED AS NET CAPITAL*  
7 *GAIN.*—

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—For purposes of this  
9 subsection, the term ‘net capital gain’ means net  
10 capital gain (determined without regard to this  
11 paragraph), increased by qualified dividend in-  
12 come.

13 “(B) *QUALIFIED DIVIDEND INCOME.*—For  
14 purposes of this paragraph—

15 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—The term ‘qualified  
16 dividend income’ means dividends received  
17 during the taxable year from domestic cor-  
18 porations.

19 “(ii) *CERTAIN DIVIDENDS EX-*  
20 *CLUDED.*—Such term shall not include—

21 “(I) any dividend from a corpora-  
22 tion which for the taxable year of the  
23 corporation in which the distribution  
24 is made, or the preceding taxable year,  
25 is a corporation exempt from tax  
26 under section 501 or 521,

1           “(II) any amount allowed as a  
2           deduction under section 591 (relating  
3           to deduction for dividends paid by mu-  
4           tual savings banks, etc.), and

5           “(III) any dividend described in  
6           section 404(k).

7           “(iii) *EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN DIVI-*  
8           *DENDS.*—Such term shall not include any  
9           dividend on any share of stock—

10           “(I) with respect to which the  
11           holding period requirements of section  
12           246(c) are not met, or

13           “(II) to the extent that the tax-  
14           payer is under an obligation (whether  
15           pursuant to a short sale or otherwise)  
16           to make related payments with respect  
17           to positions in substantially similar or  
18           related property.

19           “(C) *SPECIAL RULES.*—

20           “(i) *AMOUNTS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT*  
21           *AS INVESTMENT INCOME.*—Qualified divi-  
22           dend income shall not include any amount  
23           which the taxpayer takes into account as  
24           investment income under section  
25           163(d)(4)(B).

1           “(ii) *EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDENDS.*—If  
2           *an individual receives, with respect to any*  
3           *share of stock, qualified dividend income*  
4           *from 1 or more dividends which are ex-*  
5           *traordinary dividends (within the meaning*  
6           *of section 1059(c)), any loss on the sale or*  
7           *exchange of such share shall, to the extent of*  
8           *such dividends, be treated as long-term cap-*  
9           *ital loss.*

10           “(iii) *TREATMENT OF DIVIDENDS FROM*  
11           *REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND*  
12           *REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.*—A div-  
13           *idend received from a regulated investment*  
14           *company or a real estate investment trust*  
15           *shall be subject to the limitations prescribed*  
16           *in sections 854 and 857.”*

17           (b) *EXCLUSION OF DIVIDENDS FROM INVESTMENT IN-*  
18           *COME.*—Subparagraph (B) of section 163(d)(4) (defining  
19           *net investment income) is amended by adding at the end*  
20           *the following flush sentence:*

21           “Such term shall include qualified dividend in-  
22           *come (as defined in section 1(h)(11)(B)) only to*  
23           *the extent the taxpayer elects to treat such in-*  
24           *come as investment income for purposes of this*  
25           *subsection.”*

1           (c) *TREATMENT OF DIVIDENDS FROM REGULATED IN-*  
2 *VESTMENT COMPANIES.*—

3           (1) *Subsection (a) of section 854 (relating to*  
4 *dividends received from regulated investment compa-*  
5 *nies) is amended by inserting “section 1(h)(11) (relat-*  
6 *ing to maximum rate of tax on dividends and inter-*  
7 *est) and” after “For purposes of”.*

8           (2) *Paragraph (1) of section 854(b) (relating to*  
9 *other dividends) is amended by redesignating sub-*  
10 *paragraph (B) as subparagraph (C) and by inserting*  
11 *after subparagraph (A) the following new subpara-*  
12 *graph:*

13                   “(B) *MAXIMUM RATE UNDER SECTION*  
14 *1(h).*—

15                           “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*If the aggregate*  
16 *dividends received by a regulated invest-*  
17 *ment company during any taxable year are*  
18 *less than 95 percent of its gross income,*  
19 *then, in computing the maximum rate*  
20 *under section 1(h)(11), rules similar to the*  
21 *rules of subparagraph (A) shall apply.*

22                           “(ii) *GROSS INCOME.*—*For purposes of*  
23 *clause (i), in the case of 1 or more sales or*  
24 *other dispositions of stock or securities, the*

1 term ‘gross income’ includes only the excess  
2 of—

3 “(I) the net short-term capital  
4 gain from such sales or dispositions,  
5 over

6 “(II) the net long-term capital  
7 loss from such sales or dispositions.”

8 (3) Subparagraph (C) of section 854(b)(1), as re-  
9 designated by paragraph (2), is amended by striking  
10 “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)  
11 or (B)”.

12 (4) Paragraph (2) of section 854(b) is amended  
13 by inserting “the maximum rate under section  
14 1(h)(11) and” after “for purposes of”.

15 (5) Subsection (b) of section 854 is amended by  
16 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

17 “(5) COORDINATION WITH SECTION 1(h)(11).—  
18 For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), an amount shall  
19 be treated as a dividend only if the amount is quali-  
20 fied dividend income (within the meaning of section  
21 1(h)(11)(B)).”

22 (d) TREATMENT OF DIVIDENDS RECEIVED FROM REAL  
23 ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.—Section 857(c) (relating to  
24 restrictions applicable to dividends received from real estate  
25 investment trusts) is amended to read as follows:

1       “(c) *RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO DIVIDENDS RE-*  
2 *CEIVED FROM REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.*—

3               “(1) *SECTION 243.*—*For purposes of section 243*  
4 *(relating to deductions for dividends received by cor-*  
5 *porations), a dividend received from a real estate in-*  
6 *vestment trust which meets the requirements of this*  
7 *part shall not be considered a dividend.*

8               “(2) *SECTION 1(h)(11).*—*For purposes of section*  
9 *1(h)(11) (relating to maximum rate of tax on divi-*  
10 *dends), rules similar to the rules of section*  
11 *854(b)(1)(B) shall apply to dividends received from a*  
12 *real estate trust which meets the requirements of this*  
13 *part.*”

14       “(e) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

15               “(1) *Paragraph (3) of section 1(h), as redesign-*  
16 *ated by section 301, is amended to read as follows:*

17               “(3) *ADJUSTED NET CAPITAL GAIN.*—*For pur-*  
18 *poses of this subsection, the term ‘adjusted net capital*  
19 *gain’ means the sum of—*

20                       “(A) *net capital gain (determined without*  
21 *regard to paragraph (11)) reduced (but not*  
22 *below zero) by the sum of—*

23                               “(i) *unrecaptured section 1250 gain,*

24                               *and*

25                               “(ii) *28-percent rate gain, plus*

1                   “(B) qualified dividend income (as defined  
2                   in paragraph (11)).”

3                   (2) Subsection (f) of section 301 is amended add-  
4                   ing at the end the following new paragraph:

5                   “(4) For taxation of dividends received by indi-  
6                   viduals at capital gain rates, see section 1(h)(11).”

7                   (3) Paragraph (1) of section 306(a) is amended  
8                   by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

9                   “(D) TREATMENT AS DIVIDEND.—For pur-  
10                  poses of section 1(h)(11), any amount treated as  
11                  ordinary income under this paragraph shall be  
12                  treated as a dividend received from the corpora-  
13                  tion.”

14                  (4)(A) Subpart C of part II of subchapter C of  
15                  chapter 1 (relating to collapsible corporations) is re-  
16                  pealed.

17                  (B)(i) Section 338(h) is amended by striking  
18                  paragraph (14).

19                  (ii) Sections 467(c)(5)(C), 1255(b)(2), and  
20                  1257(d) are each amended by striking “, 341(e)(12),”.

21                  (iii) The table of subparts for part II of sub-  
22                  chapter C of chapter 1 is amended by striking the  
23                  item related to subpart C.

1           (5) Section 531 is amended by striking “equal  
2           to” and all that follows and inserting “equal to 15  
3           percent of the accumulated taxable income.”

4           (6) Section 541 is amended by striking “equal  
5           to” and all that follows and inserting “equal to 15  
6           percent of the undistributed personal holding com-  
7           pany income.”

8           (7) Section 584(c) is amended by adding at the  
9           end the following new flush sentence:

10          “The proportionate share of each participant in the amount  
11          of dividends received by the common trust fund and to  
12          which section 1(h)(11) applies shall be considered for pur-  
13          poses of such paragraph as having been received by such  
14          participant.”

15          (8) Paragraph (5) of section 702(a) is amended  
16          to read as follows:

17                 “(5) dividends with respect to which section  
18                 1(h)(11) or part VII of subchapter B applies,”.

19          (f) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this  
20          section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-  
21          ber 31, 2002.

22          **SEC. 303. SUNSET OF TITLE.**

23                 All provisions of, and amendments made by, this title  
24          shall not apply to taxable years beginning after December  
25          31, 2012, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be

1 *applied and administered to such years as if such provi-*  
2 *sions and amendments had never been enacted.*

3 ***TITLE IV—CORPORATE ESTI-***  
4 ***MATED TAX PAYMENTS FOR***  
5 ***2003***

6 ***SEC. 401. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CORPORATE ESTIMATED***  
7 ***TAXES.***

8 *Notwithstanding section 6655 of the Internal Revenue*  
9 *Code of 1986, 52 percent of the amount of any required*  
10 *installment of corporate estimated tax which is otherwise*  
11 *due in September 2003 shall not be due until October 1,*  
12 *2003.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.”.

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**A BILL**

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