



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM WILL RATE H.R. 4297, THE TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005

This week, the House of Representatives will vote on H.R. 4297, the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005. Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) strongly supports this measure and considers this legislation to be the most important tax initiative to be considered by Congress in 2005.

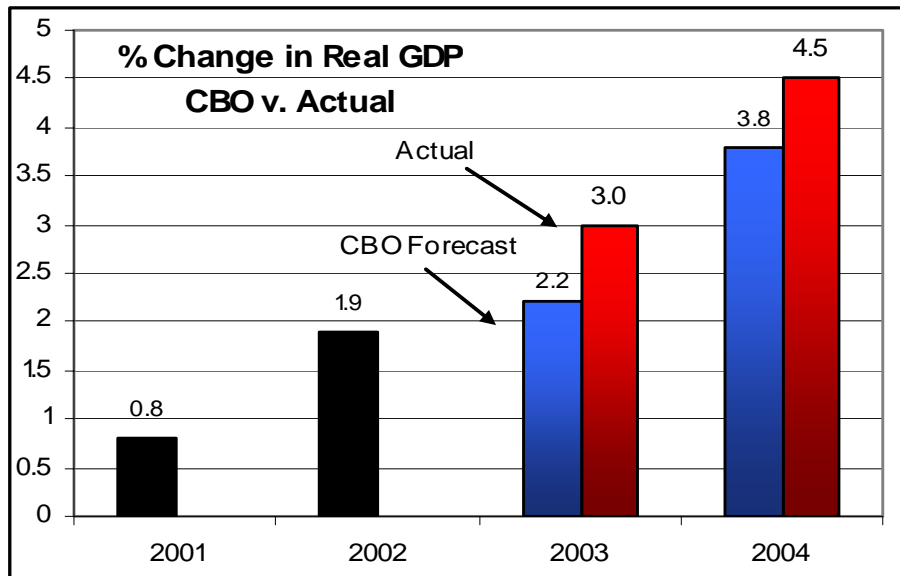
Critical to H.R. 4297 is the capital gains and dividend provisions. **These provisions need to be extended NOW.** Some members have expressed concern over voting for extensions, despite the fact the provisions do not expire until 2008. The Congressional Budget Office has explained exactly why these tax cuts need to be extended now and not later:

“To some extent, the economy is already feeling the effects of the tax rates on dividends and capital gains under JGTRRA. *However, the currently short duration of those rates lessens their effect on investment and the capital stock.* Investments in productive capital take time to implement, and firms are unlikely to adjust their long-term investment plans fully in response to temporary changes in dividend and capital gains taxation. Thus, *some portion of the impact of the current rates can be expected to occur only if the proposed extension of those rates takes effect.*”

Given the Importance of This Vote to Taxpayers and the US Economy, ATR Will Rate H.R. 4297

Tax Cuts Have Boosted Economic Growth and Jobs – Congress Needs to Extend the Capital Gains and Dividend Provisions

GDP Growth Exceeding Expectations



Unemployment Rate Precipitously Dropping

