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Taxpayer Group MAY RATE Votes on AMT Amendments to Senate S-CHIP Bill

Today, the U.S. Senate is considering amendments to the S-CHIP reauthorization and expansion bill. Two of these amendments deal with the Alternative Minimum Tax, and **may be scored in ATR's annual Congressional scorecard.**

Amendment 2550 (Lott) would fully-repeal the individual Alternative Minimum Tax. **ATR may rate a vote for this amendment.**

Amendment 2557 (Specter) would repeal the Clinton AMT. Specifically, it would bring the top AMT tax rate from today's 28% to the pre-Clinton tax increase level of 24%. As many as 40% of AMT-affected households would be spared the AMT trap if this intermediate-step toward full repeal became law. **ATR may rate a vote for this amendment.**

The AMT is a mistake that has been forced on the American people by liberal Democrats. They created the AMT in 1967, supposedly to ensure that a few hundred filers paid some income tax. The AMT was expanded by liberal Democrats in Congress in 1983, 1986, 1990, and (with President Clinton's help) in 1993. In 1999, the Republican Congress (over the objections of the Democrat leadership) passed full AMT repeal, only for it to be vetoed by President Clinton.

ATR supports both full AMT repeal and, as an intermediate step toward full repeal, rolling back the "Clinton AMT" tax hike.

ATR MAY RATE AMENDMENTS 2550 and 2557 TO THE S-CHIP BILL