SEN. KERRY HAS VOTED 98 TIMES FOR AT LEAST $2.3 TRILLION IN TAX INCREASES

2003 Vote To Raise Income Taxes By $90 Billion. (S. 1689, CQ Vote #373: Motion Agreed To 57-42: R 50-1; D 7-40; I 0-1, 10/2/03, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Security Supplemental/Small Business Tax Hike To Pay For The Bill,” 10/2/03)

2003 Vote To Increase Superfund Taxes By $15.6 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 23, CQ Vote # 97: Rejected 43-56: R 1-50; D 41-6, I 1-0, 3/25/03, Kerry Voted Yea)

1999 Vote To Increase Tobacco Taxes By $133 Billion To Pay For Prescription Drug Benefit. (S. Con. Res. 20, CQ Vote #76: Motion Rejected 54-44: R 12-41; D 42-3, 3/25/99, Kerry Voted Yea)

1998 Vote To Raise Taxes By $755 Billion By Increasing Cigarette Tax By $1.10 A Pack And By Increasing Tobacco Company Payments. (S. 1415, CQ Vote #143: Motion Agreed To 72-26: R 27-26; D 45-0, 5/20/98, Kerry Voted Yea; S. 1415, CQ Vote #150: Motion Rejected 42-56: R 0-54; D 42-2, 6/9/98, Kerry Voted Yea; S. 1415, CQ Vote #153: Motion Rejected 43-55: R 0-53; D 43-2, 5/21/98, Kerry Voted Yea; S. 1415, CQ Vote #162: Motion Rejected 53-46: R 11-43; D 42-3, 6/17/98, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Tobacco Bill/Strike $755 Billion Payments,” 5/20/98)

1998 Vote To Increase Taxes By $2 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 86, CQ Vote #82: Motion Rejected 47-51: R 4-50; D 43-1, 4/2/98)

1998 Vote To Raise Taxes By $311 Million On Hard-Rock Mining Companies. (S. Con. Res. 86, CQ Vote #67: Motion Agreed To 55-44: R 44-10; D 11-34, 4/2/98, Kerry Voted Nay)

1997 Vote To Raise Marketing Assessment On Tobacco By $34 Million. (S. 1033, CQ Vote #198: Motion Agreed To 52-48: R 40-15; D 12-33, 7/23/97, Kerry Voted Nay)

1997 Vote To Raise Taxes By $83 Million On Mining Involving Uranium, Asbestos, Lead, And Mercury. (S. 949, CQ Vote #158: Motion Rejected 37-61: R 6-49; D 31-12, 6/27/97, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Taxpayer Relief Act/Depletion Allowance Limitations,” 6/27/97)

1997 Vote To Increase Cigarette Taxes By $12 Billion. (S. 949, CQ Vote #149: Rejected 30-70: R 0-55; D 30-15, 6/27/97, Kerry Voted Yea)

1997 Vote To Raise Taxes On Hard-Rock Miners By $700 Million. (S. 949, CQ Vote #131: Motion Rejected 36-63: R 7-47; D 29-16, 6/26/97, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Taxpayer Relief Act/Hardrock Mining Depletion Allowance,” 6/26/97)


1997 Vote To Raise Tobacco Taxes By $30 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 27, CQ Vote #76: Motion Agreed To 55-45: R 47-8; D 8-37, 5/21/97, Kerry Voted Nay)

1997 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $15.8 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 27, CQ Vote #72: Motion Agreed To 61-39: R 52-3; D 9-36, 5/20/97, Kerry Voted Nay)

1996 Vote To Raise Taxes By $65 Billion By Extending Expiring Taxes, Closing Corporate Tax Loopholes, And Closing Other Tax Expenditure Loopholes. (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #136: Motion Agreed To 61-39: R 51-2; D 10-37, 5/22/96, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Budget Resolution/$65 Billion Tax-Spending Hike, No Defense Firewall,” 5/22/96)

1996 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $56 Billion By Ending “Preferences.” (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #126: Motion Agreed To 52-48: R 49-4; D 3-44, 5/22/96, Kerry Voted Nay)

1996 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $7.3 Billion By Ending “Preferences.” (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #125: Motion Agreed To 55-45: R 52-1; D 3-44, 5/22/96, Kerry Voted Nay)
1996 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $18 Billion By Ending “Preferences.” (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #120: Motion Agreed To 55-45: R 53-0; D 2-45; 5/22/96, Kerry Voted Nay)

1996 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $13 Billion By Ending “Preferences” And Reinstating Expired Taxes. (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #115: Rejected 45-53: R 0-52; D 45-1, 5/16/96, Kerry Voted Yea)

1995 Vote To Raise Taxes On Businesses By $60 To $70 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #115: Motion Agreed To 55-45: R 53-0; D 2-45, 5/22/96, Kerry Voted Nay)

1995 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $6 Billion By Eliminating “Tax Breaks.” (H.R. 4, CQ Vote #406: Motion Agreed To 50-48: R 50-2; D 0-46, 9/11/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

1995 Vote To Raise Taxes By $9.4 Billion By Eliminating “Tax Breaks.” (S. Con. Res. 13, CQ Vote #231: Motion Agreed To 54-45: R 53-1; D 1-44, 5/25/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

1995 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $28 Billion By Closing Loopholes. (S. Con. Res. 13, CQ Vote #184: Motion Agreed To 51-48: R 51-2; D 0-46, 5/25/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

1995 Vote To Raise Corporate Taxes By $28 Billion Over Seven Years By Closing Corporate Loopholes. (S. Con. Res. 13, CQ Vote #219: Motion Agreed To 51-48: R 51-2; D 2-43, 5/25/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

1995 Vote To Raise Taxes By $28 Billion Over Seven Years By Closing Corporate Loopholes. (S. Con. Res. 13, CQ Vote #219: Motion Agreed To 51-48: R 51-2; D 2-43, 5/25/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

1993 Vote For FY 1994 Budget Resolution, Which Increased Taxes By $295 Billion. (H. Con. Res. 64, CQ Vote #83: Adopted 54-45; R 0-43; D 54-2, 3/25/93, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Concurrent Budget Resolution/Final Passage,” 3/25/93)

1993 Vote To Raise Taxes By $790 Million By Taxing Diesel Fuel Used By Barges. (S. Con. Res. 18, CQ Vote #52: Motion Agreed To 55-44: R 50-4; D 5-43, 3/23/93, Kerry Voted Yea)

1992 Vote To Increase Taxes By $7.7 Billion. “The Dole amendment would strike two tax increases, the permanent extension of the personal exemption phaseout (PEP tax) and the limitation on itemized deductions (Pease tax).” (H.R. 11, CQ Vote #240: Rejected 34-59: R 31-8; D 3-51, 9/25/92, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Revenue Act/PEP and Pease Taxes,” 9/25/92)

1992 Vote To Raise Taxes By $70.9 Billion. (H.R. 4210, CQ Vote #51: Passed 50-47: R 0-43; D 50-4, 3/13/92, Kerry Voted Yea; H.R. 4210, CQ Vote #54: Adopted 50-44: R 0-41; D 50-3, 3/20/92, Kerry Voted Yea)
• Voted Against A Provision That Would Have Eliminated Creation Of 36 Percent Bracket. The measure would have saved taxpayers $43 billion dollars. (H.R. 4210, CQ Vote #50: Motion Rejected 43-55: R 42-1; D 1-54, 3/13/92, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Tax Bill/Striking The 36 Percent Tax Bracket," 3/13/92)

1992 Vote To Increase Taxes On Certain Drug Companies By $2 Billion. (H.R. 4210, CQ Vote #38: Motion Agreed To 61-36: R 41-2; D 20-34, 3/11/92, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Tax Bill/Amend Tax Treatment For Pharmaceutical Companies," 3/11/92)

1990 Vote To Increase Taxes By $37 Billion By Reinstating Windfall Profits Tax On Domestic Crude Oil. (S. 3209, CQ Vote #288, Rejected 33-67: R 7-38; D 26-29, 10/18/90, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Reconciliation Bill/Metzenbaum Windfall Profits Tax," 10/18/90)

1990 Vote To Raise Income Taxes By $60.4 Billion On Individuals Making More Than $200,000 Per Year. The sense of the Senate amendment said the Senate should work toward establishing a tax rate of 35 percent for those who make more than $200,000 yearly. (S. 3209, CQ Vote #289: Rejected 44-56: R 5-40; D 39-16, 10/18/90, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Reconciliation Bill/Levin Tax Hike," 10/18/90)

1989 Vote To Raise Cigarette And Alcohol Taxes By $1.8 Billion. (H.R. 2072, CQ Vote #76: Agreed To 71-20: R 38-6; D 38-14, 6/1/89, Kerry Voted Nay)

1988 Vote To Increase Taxes By $800 Million On Cigarettes, Distilled Spirits, Wine, And Beer. (S. 2238, CQ Vote #354, Agreed To 60-33; R 24-18; D 36-15, 10/6/88, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Tax Corrections Act/Excise Taxes," 10/6/88)

1987 Vote To Raise Taxes By $23.2 Billion. (H.R. 3545, CQ Vote #419: Adopted 61-28: R 18-23; D 43-5, 12/21/87, Kerry Voted Yea)

1987 Vote To Increase Taxes By $300 Million On Poultry Industry And Cattle Feeding Companies. (S. 1920, CQ Vote #403: Agreed To 53-41: R 21-24; D 32-17, 12/10/87, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Budget Reconciliation/Accrual Method of Accounting," 12/10/87)

1987 Vote To Increase Taxes By $137 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 49, CQ Vote #87: Adopted 57-42: R 3-42; D 54-0, 5/6/87, Kerry Voted Yea; H. Con. Res. 93, CQ Vote #97, Adopted 56-42: R 3-42; D 53-0, 5/6/87, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Budget Resolution/Chiles II," 5/6/87, Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Budget Resolution/Final Passage," 5/6/87)

• Democrat Conference Report Raised Taxes By $64.3 Billion Over Three Years. (H. Con. Res. 93, CQ Vote #157: Adopted 53-46: R 3-43; D 50-3, 6/24/87, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Democratic Budget Conference Report/Passage," 6/24/87)

• Voted For Earlier Senate Version That Raised Taxes By $18.5 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 49, CQ Vote #84: Adopted 50-49: R 1-45; D 49-4, 4/29/87, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Budget Resolution/Chiles I," 4/29/87)

1986 Vote To Raise Taxes By $174 Million. (S. Con. Res. 120, CQ Vote #86: Adopted 55-40: R 17-32; D 38-8, 4/30/86, Kerry Voted Yea)

1986 Voted To Raise Taxes By $2.7 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 120, CQ Vote #83: Rejected 32-65: R 1-49; D 31-16, 4/29/86, Kerry Voted Yea)

1986 Voted To Increase Taxes By $145 Million. (S. Con. Res. 120, CQ Vote #79: Agreed To 56-40: R 43-6; D 13-34, 4/24/86, Kerry Voted Nay)

1986 Vote To Raise Taxes By $9.2 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 120, CQ Vote #78: Agreed To 54-41: R 40-9; D 14-32, 4/24/86, Kerry Voted Nay)

1986 Vote To Raise Taxes By $300 Million. (S. Con. Res. 120, CQ Vote #77: Adopted 60-38: R 20-31; D 40-7, 4/23/86, Kerry Voted Yea)

1985 Vote To Increase Corporate Taxes By $10.5 Billion. (S. Con. Res. 32, CQ Vote #75, Agreed To 61-37: R 49-3; D 12-34, 5/9/85, Kerry Voted Nay; Senate Republican Policy Committee, "Budget Resolution/Minimum Corporate Tax," 5/9/85)

1985 Votes To Increase Cigarette Taxes By $4.9 Billion (S. Con. Res. 32, CQ Vote #66: Agreed To 49-47: R 41-9; D 8-38, 5/9/85, Kerry Voted Nay; S. Con. Res. 32, CQ Vote #70: Agreed To 50-46: R 38-12; D 12-34, 5/9/85, Kerry Voted Nay)

1985 Vote For $51 Billion In New Taxes. (S. Con. Res. 32, CQ Vote #52, Rejected 43-54: R 1-50; D 42-4, 5/8/85, Kerry Voted Yea)

In 1985, Kerry Voted To Limit Amount Of Farm Losses That Could Be Deducted From Non-Farm Income – A $2.6 Billion Tax Increase. The Republican Policy Committee said “The proposed change would discourage new farmers ... from
entering farming. Without the ability to write off these large costs, they will face a great disincentive to enter the sector.” The Joint Committee On Taxation said the measure would result in a $2.6 billion tax increase. (S. Con. Res. 32, CQ Vote #43: Motion Rejected 38-57: R 8-43; D 30-14, 5/7/85, Kerry Voted Yea; Senate Republican Policy Committee, “Budget Resolution/Tax-Loss Farming,” 5/7/85)


Voted At Least Three Times Against Requiring Three-Fifths Majority To Raise Taxes. (S. 1722, CQ Vote #204: Motion Rejected 37-62: R 36-7; D 1-55, 9/24/91, Kerry Voted Nay; H.R. 11, CQ Vote #236: Motion Rejected 32-60: R 30-9; D 2-51, 9/24/92, Kerry Voted Nay; H.R. 3167, CQ Vote #339: Rejected 40-56: R 38-3; D 2-53, 10/28/93, Kerry Voted Nay)

18 Kerry Votes For Taxes Increases Could Not Be Scored:

Kerry Voted To Show Support For “Broad-Based” Tax Increase On Manufacturers. (S. 1730, CQ Vote #296: Rejected 32-66: R 26-26; D 6-40, 11/12/85, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted To Reduce Deficit By Increasing Revenues. (H.R. 3128, CQ Vote #379: Adopted 78-1: R 40-1; D 38-0, 12/19/85, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted For Amendment To Reinstate The Capital Gains Tax On Foreign Investment In Real Estate In The United States. (H.R. .3838, CQ Vote #134: Rejected 18-80: R 16-36; D 2-44, 6/17/86, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted Against Sense Of Senate Saying Federal Taxes Should Not Be Increased Either Directly Or Indirectly. (S. 1127, CQ Vote #352: Agreed To 65-32; R 17-29; D 48-3, 10/27/87, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted For 1990 Gore Alternative Tax Increase. “[A]mendment would burst the bubble in the income tax rate structure; increase the alternative minimum tax from 21 percent to 25 percent; provide a surtax of 10 percent on taxable income above $1 million …” (S. 3209, CQ Vote #280: Rejected 45-55: R 8-37; D 37-18, 10/18/90, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted For Harkin Amendment To Impose A Surtax On Income Over $1 Million. (S. 3209, CQ Vote #285: Rejected 49-51: R 12-33; D 37-18, 10/18/90, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit States From Taxing The Income From The Pension Or Retirement Funds Of Any Individual Who Is Not A Current Resident Of The State. (H.R. 4210, CQ Vote #42: Motion Rejected 36-61: R 35-6; D 1-53, 3/13/92, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted Against Amendment To Strike Tax Increases In 1992 Tax Increase. (H.R. 4210, CQ Vote #48: Motion Rejected 36-61: R 35-6; D 1-53, 3/13/92, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted Against Tabling Amendment Prohibiting Either House Of Congress From Requiring More Than Majority To Approve Tax Increases. (H.J. Res. 1, CQ Vote #69: Motion Agreed To 59-40: R 52-0; D 7-40, 2/15/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted For Amendment Requiring Simple Majority To Raise Taxes. (H.J. Res. 1, CQ Vote #95: Motion Agreed To 63-37: R 53-0; D 10-37, 2/28/95, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted For Amendment To Eliminate “Tax Breaks.” (S. Con. Res. 13, CQ Vote #222: Motion Rejected 44-56: R 2-52; D 42-4, 5/25/95, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted For Amendment Eliminating Provision Of Existing Law That Allows Companies That Relocate Plants Overseas To Defer Taxes On Profits Derived From Products Shipped Back To The United States. (S. 1357, CQ Vote #517: Motion Rejected 47-52: R 3-50; D 44-2, 10/26/95, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted Against Amendment Expressing Sense Of Senate That Fundamental Tax Reform Should Be Accompanied By A Constitutional Amendment Requiring Supermajority Of Congress To Approve Tax Increases. (S. Con. Res. 57, CQ Vote #128: Motion Agreed To 59-41: R 13-40; D 46-1, 5/22/96, Kerry Voted Yea)
Kerry Voted For Amendment Eliminating Tax Deferral For Profits On Products Produced By Subsidiaries Of U.S. Companies Overseas That Are Then Imported To United States. (H.R. 3756, CQ Vote #282: Motion Agreed To 58-41: R 49-4; D 9-37, 9/11/96, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted For Amendment Expressing Sense Of The Senate That Congress Should Close “Special-Interest Tax Loopholes.” (S. 1650, CQ Vote #314: Motion Agreed To 54-46: R 52-2; D 1-44; I 1-0, 10/6/99, Kerry Voted Nay)

Kerry Voted For Amendment Directing Treasury Secretary To Adjust Reductions In The Top Marginal Tax Rates If Congress Exceeds Spending Caps In Any Of Next 10 Fiscal Years. (H.R. 1836, CQ Vote #147: Motion Rejected 41-58: R 0-49; D 41-9, 5/22/01, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted For Amendment Providing Proportionate Reduction In State Estate Tax And Direct Treasury Secretary To Raise Highest Tax Rate As Necessary. (H.R. 1836, CQ Vote #150: Motion Rejected 42-57: R 0-50; D 42-7, 5/22/01, Kerry Voted Yea)

Kerry Voted For Amendment Removing Provision Of Tax Code That Allows A Company To Purchase Life Insurance Policies For Non-Critical Employees Without The Employee’s Knowledge, Making The Company Eligible For A Tax Break. (S. 1054, CQ Vote #175: Motion Rejected 37-63: R 2-49; D 35-13; I 0-1, 5/15/03, Kerry Voted Yea)

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