

**Improvements in final H.R. 3630 - Temporary Payroll Tax Cut  
Continuation Act of 2011 Compared to House Republican Bill**

	<b>House Republican Bill</b>	<b>Conference Committee Report</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	Increased Medicare beneficiary premiums by \$31 billion over 10 years	Not in the conference report
	Restricted or eliminated physical, occupational, speech and language therapy services in hospital settings for Medicare beneficiaries	Not in the conference report
	Eliminated and reduced tax benefits for middle class families to buy health insurance by \$13.4 billion over 10 years and caused 170,000 individuals to lose their health insurance.	Not in the conference report
<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>	Reduced emergency Unemployment Insurance for workers by 40 weeks who lost their jobs through no fault of their own to 59 weeks.	Agreement retains the maximum level (99 weeks) of Unemployment Insurance through May, reduces the maximum to 79 through August for all but a few states and to 73 in September – all depending on a state’s unemployment rate.
	Required workers who lacked a high school diploma to be enrolled in a GED program as a condition to receiving Unemployment Insurance	Not in the conference report
<b>Child Tax Credit</b>	Increased taxes on average by \$1,800 annually for	Not in the conference report

	<p>modest income immigrant families by eliminating the child tax of millions of families with children.</p>	
<p><b>Spectrum Auction</b></p>	<p>Undermined public safety by restricting first responders' ability to communicate with each other at the local, state and national level during times of crisis and natural disaster such as the attacks on 9/11.</p>	<p>Ensured first responders' ability to communicate with each other at the local, state and national level during times of crisis and natural disaster and fully funded their ability to maintain and improve critical technology supporting public safety.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Protection</b></p>	<p>Prohibited the Environmental Protection Agency from fulfilling its mission to protect millions of families from mercury toxins that EPA projected would cause up to 8,100 premature deaths, 5,100 heart attacks and 52,000 attacks each year.</p>	<p>Not in the conference report</p>