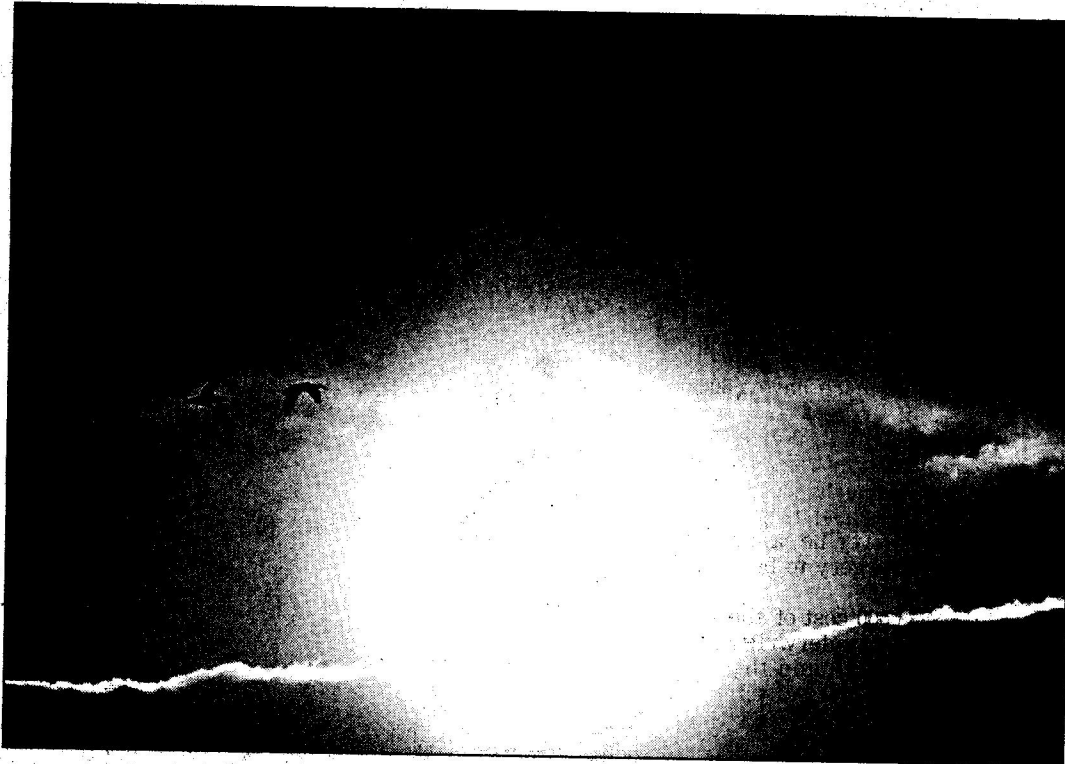


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### Tax provisions that expire make planning impossible

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On May 28, President Bush signed into law the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, which includes a hefty \$330 billion tax cut. The bill cleared the House by a 231-200 vote and squeaked through the Senate by a razor-thin 51-50. None too surprisingly, voting in Congress was strictly along party lines, and despite squabbles within the ranks, congressional Republicans called the shots.

To be sure, Democrats placed a few of their own provisions in the bill. But make no mistake, this was a Republican tax bill, the third major tax cut since the president took office in 2001. This puts George W. Bush ahead of even that most celebrated warrior against federal taxes, Ronald Reagan.

