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## RSC Update: Would Obama Rather Campaign than Govern?

### From the Chairman

When President Obama takes the podium during the State of the Union address tonight, there are three big questions I think Americans will want answered:

1. Where are the jobs?
2. Why aren't we using all the energy resources we have available?
3. How can we stop this crazy spending & borrowing?

Conservatives have answers for these questions and [solutions](#) for the problems they reflect. What we don't have is any sign of interest from the president. It's enough to make one think he's more interested in *campaigning against* House Republicans than *working with* us to solve problems.

As for the Democrat-controlled Senate...let's just say their own "commitment" to governing is questionable. The last time they passed a budget (exactly 1,000 days ago), you had never even heard of the iPad. For comparison, only 912 days passed between Pearl Harbor and D-Day. Watch [this quick video](#) to see what else has occurred since Senate Democrats passed a budget.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan  
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

**RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.**

- Rep. Bill Flores (TX-17): [Reconnecting Congress with Us](#); The Eagle, January 15.
- Rep. Marsha Blackburn (TN-07): [Free Markets, Not Tinkering Bureaucrats, Should Decide Spectrum Auction Outcomes](#); The Daily Caller, January 20.
- Rep. John Sullivan (OK-01): [Score One for OPEC](#); The Hill, January 20.
- Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-05): [Why I Am Pro-Life](#); The Daily Caller, January 21.
- Rep. Renee Ellmers (NC-02): [Foster Policy That Will Sustain Employment](#); Roll Call, January 23.

- Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06): [What Small-Business Owners Want to Hear in State of the Union Speech](#); Politico, January 23.
- Rep. Ed. Royce (CA-40): [China Profits from U.S. Pipeline Blunder](#); The Orange County Register, January 23.

**RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America’s future.**

- Rep. Rich Nugent (FL-05) introduced [H.Res. 516](#) to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the passage of a fiscal year 2013 federal budget is of national importance.
- Rep. Geoff Davis (KY-04) introduced [H.R. 3780](#) to allow businesses or individuals in a community to contribute tax deductible funds towards the construction or maintenance of public infrastructure.
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05) introduced [H.R. 3778](#) to prevent Congress from raising the debt ceiling limit unless the House and the Senate have agreed to a budget resolution.
- Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03) introduced [H.R. 3783](#) to protect U.S. citizens from threats from Iran and protect American interests and assets in our own hemisphere.
- Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-05) [H.J.Res 99](#) to require approval from a majority of states before Washington increases the federal debt level.
- Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22) introduced [H.R. 3773](#) to increase competition, stabilize food prices and enhance American energy security and global competitiveness.
- Rep. Allen West hosted the [Conservative Black Forum](#) yesterday discuss issues regarding unemployment in the black community, conservative values, and the social disparity in urban communities.

**Outlook – A quick look at what’s on the horizon.**

- Today is the 1,000<sup>th</sup> day since Senate Democrats passed a budget. Tonight, President Obama will deliver the State of the Union address.
- As a result of the law enacted last August and at President Obama’s specific request, the debt limit is poised to increase by another \$1.2 trillion this Friday. The House voted to block this action last week, but the Senate is unlikely to do the same.

**RSC Reports**

- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.
- The national debt is now larger than our entire economy. [Click here](#) to read “A Short History of Federal Deficits *and* Surpluses.”

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