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RSC Update: Another Year, Another Trillion in Debt

From the Chairman

Over the last 12 months, the federal government spent about \$1.3 trillion that it didn't have. That makes three straight years with trillion-dollar deficits – the three largest deficits in history. And even as federal spending accounted for almost a quarter of GDP, our economy continues to struggle.

Republicans have worked all year long to cut spending and get back on track to a balanced budget. The [RSC budget proposal](#), for instance, would balance the books in nine years. Unfortunately, liberals continue to stand in the way of significant cuts to wasteful spending.

Senate Democrats have now gone 888 days without producing any budget at all. The failure of politicians to limit the size and appetite of the federal government is a direct cause of our current debt problems. To fix the problem permanently, it's clear we need a [Balanced Budget Amendment](#) that forces Washington to kick its spending addiction. Families and businesses have to live within their means, why shouldn't Washington?

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. Peter Roskam (IL-06): [The Consequence of US Leadership Failure at the UN](#); The Daily Caller, September 30.
- Rep. Darrell Issa (CA-49): [Regulatory Tsunami Impeding Economic Growth](#); The San Diego Union Tribune, September 30.

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

- Rep. Mike Kelly (PA-03) introduced [H.R. 3050](#), The *Transportation Funding Flexibility Act*, which would amend Title 23 of the United States Code to eliminate the requirement that States set-aside 10 percent of Surface Transportation Program funds for transportation enhancement activities.

House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.

- The House was not in session last week.

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

- On Tuesday, the House is expected to consider [H.R. 2608](#), the continuing resolution through Nov. 18.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 2681, the *Cement Regulatory Relief Act*.
- On Thursday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 2250, the *EPA Regulatory Relief Act*.

RSC Reports

- RSC Policy Brief: [Status of House Passed Bills in the Senate](#)
- 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.

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