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## **RSC Update: Spending Bill Shows Democrats' Priorities**

### **From the Chairman**

The spending package passed by the Senate last night reveals the startling priorities of Congressional Democrats. As passed by the House last week, the bill contained \$3.65 billion to provide relief to the victims of tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other disasters. After going through the Senate, that figure is now \$1 billion less.

Why? Because the House tried to do right by taxpayers by “offsetting” the cost of that \$1 billion with cuts to subsidies for carmakers and companies like Solyndra. Senator Harry Reid and his colleagues chose to protect these subsidies instead of providing more help to families struggling in the wake of disasters.

The rest of the bill continues federal spending through November 18 at a rate that's just \$7 billion below current levels. For some perspective, imagine the annual federal budget as a family who spends \$3,600 a month, \$1,300 of which is borrowed. In this scenario, the spending bill cuts \$7.00 next month. That's it. While this bill is almost certain to pass the House next Tuesday even without my support, there's clearly still a lot of work left to do – and that makes a Balanced Budget Amendment even more important.

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. Kevin Brady (TX-08) & Sen. DeMint (SC): [Debt Impedes Job Creation](#); Politico, September 20.
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-11) & Rep. Chris Gibson (NY-20): [Rogue Food Study Typifies Wasteful Fed](#); Politico, September 22.
- Rep. Dennis Ross (FL-12): [The Postal Service Needs Structural Reform, Not a Bailout](#); The Daily Caller, September 22.
- Rep. John Kline (MN-02): [Schools Need More Freedom, Less Federal Control](#); The Washington Examiner, September 22.

- Rep. Paul Ryan (WI-01): [Solyndra Deal Violates Fundamental Laws of Economics](#); Fox News, September 22.
- Rep. Tim Huelskamp (KS-01): [Obamacare HHS Rule Would Give Government Everybody's Health Records](#); The Washington Examiner, September 23.

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

- Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-05) introduced [H.R. 2977](#), the *Currency Optimization, Innovation and National Savings (COINS) Act*, which calls for a transition from the dollar bill to the dollar coin to reduce the deficit by billions of dollars by phasing out the \$1 bill.
- Rep. Todd Akin (MO-02), Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, introduced [H.R. 2985](#), the *Veteran's ID Card Act*.

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

- On Thursday, the House passed [H.R. 2608](#), which enacts a continuing resolution at a total non-emergency spending level equivalent to \$1.043 trillion (on an annualized basis) through November 18, 2011.
- On Friday, the House passed [H.R. 2401](#), the *Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act*, which would require the federal government to evaluate how the cumulative impacts of various regulations proposed or implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) would impact the economy.

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

- The House is not in session this week.
- Next Tuesday, the House is expected to vote on the CR passed by the Senate.

**RSC Reports**

- RSC One-Pager: [Constitutional Authority Statements](#)
- 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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