

□ **(Washington, D.C.)** U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, released the following statement regarding the vote on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 8 - American Taxpayer Relief:

"I strongly support extending the Bush-era tax cuts and making them permanent for the vast majority of Americans. However, I'm deeply disappointed that, under this compromise, nothing much was done to solve our budget problems. The spending cuts agreed to during the last debt limit agreement are delayed through budget gimmicks that make our debt situation worse. Our tax code remains full of loopholes and special interests giveaways. We will come away from this agreement nearly 4 trillion dollars deeper in debt, and I just cannot support that."

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