

Coffman Slams Democrats' "Congress First" Attitude
Votes Against Legislative Spending Bill

(WASHINGTON, D.C) - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement regarding today's House vote on final passage of H.R. 2918, the Fiscal Year 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act Conference Report which provides funding for Congress and includes a thirty day Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund government operations after the current fiscal year ends on September 30, 2009:

"The Democrats' action to guarantee that the needs of Members' offices are addressed before the needs our citizens clearly shows that in so many ways, their priorities are wrong."

"I voted against the \$4.7 billion legislative branch spending bill today in protest of the Democrats' misguided priorities and the message they are sending to the American people. Congress should be taking care of our veterans, our military, our seniors, our schoolchildren, our roads, and our borders first - not ourselves."

"In a time of war and high unemployment, Democrat Leadership has chosen to pass, as its first and only spending bill of the year, the bill that pays for Congress and its operations. Democrats are choosing to fund their own congressional offices before funding critical national priorities like transportation infrastructure and terrorism prevention. It is unconscionable and I can't support it."

"Today's measure also included a CR to continue funding for the government after the end of September. I strongly oppose using this bill as a vehicle to pass stop-gap spending measures and temporary band-aids to cover up for the Democrats' inability to move important appropriations bills in a timely manner."

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