

Democrats' Debt Limit Increase Points to Tough Choices Dodged

(WASHINGTON D.C.) —Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) made the following remarks today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives about the country's skyrocketing debt and the House Democrats' need to yet again raise the debt limit in order to continue funding their bloated government budgets and feed their reckless spending addiction. Coffman made the remarks after voting against H.R. 4314, a band aid measure to increase the national debt limit by more than \$290 billion.

Each day since November 5th Coffman has inserted the rising national debt into the Congressional Record as a reminder of the crippling burden this Democrat led Congress is placing on future generations of Americans. In 2009, the U.S. paid more than \$380 billion in interest on the national debt.

Coffman's remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker: The Democrat majority voted today to raise our national debt limit by \$290 billion. The vote we took today to raise the debt limit, roll call vote #988, serves as a terrible reminder of all the votes we didn't take. The debt limit increase vote is the exact opposite of the votes we should have cast this year - the votes to curb spending, the votes to cut pork, the votes for real economic stimulus, and the votes for meaningful fiscal discipline."

"Today, our national debt is \$12.13 trillion. More exactly, it is \$12 trillion, 134 billion, 970 million, 556 thousand, 795 dollars, and four cents. Since January 6th, 2009, the start of this 111th Congress, the national debt has increased by \$1.4 trillion. I am all too familiar with these numbers. I began to place the amount of the national debt in the Congressional Record on a daily basis last month, as a reminder to us all. We need to stop this borrowing and spending. I urge my colleagues to embrace fiscal discipline."

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