

Coffman Chides Ineffective Legislation

(WASHINGTON) - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement regarding a trio of votes in the House today:

Coffman on Senate amendment to H.R. 5116, the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science (COMPETES) Act: "I am deeply concerned that this bill would lead to too much spending, and creates too many new government bureaucratic programs. The \$46 billion price tag is almost double the cost of the original House passed version of the bill in 2007, and a \$6.5 billion increase over the 2010 baseline budget."

Coffman on Senate amendment to H.R. 2751, the Food Safety bill: "Unfortunately this bill is laden with bad provisions and does little to improve food safety. It grants broad and sweeping authority for the Food and Drug Administration to shut down or inspect businesses and determine what qualifies as a health concern. The bill also imposes new taxes on facilities that will effectively be a regressive tax on consumers by increasing the price of food."

Coffman on Senate amendment to H.R. 2142, the Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act: "We're supposed to be making government more efficient yet this bill just makes government bigger. This legislation mandates the creation of numerous new government-wide and agency-specific management plans but does not increase executive accountability for failing programs. It would also enshrine the Obama Administration's management agenda in law, preventing future Administrations from attempting more effective

approaches.”

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