Coffman Statement on Cut, Cap & Balance Debate

 (WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO), chairman of the Congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus , issued the following statement as the U.S. House of Representatives debates H.R. 2560 , the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011.

“The greatest threat to our national security is the reckless out of control spending in Washington, D.C. The power to continue to spend money that we don’t have must be stripped away from congress and the only way to permanently accomplish that is by amending our constitution with a balanced budget requirement.”

“Linking the passage of the balance budget amendment, along with meaningful spending cuts, is the only way to get conservatives like myself to vote for an increase in the debt limit.”

“The balanced budget amendment is not popular among so many Washington politicians who see their power base as their ability to spend without limit in order to buy votes for the next election. Even if the balanced budget amendment doesn’t pass this time around we will have planted the seed for its future passage as our debt crisis deepens.”

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