

(Washington DC) Last night the Republican controlled House of Representatives passed the fiscal year 2007 Budget Resolution, the nonbinding concurrent resolution that sets funding limits for Congress. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez issued the following statement:

"This is more budgetary smoke and mirrors from the Republicans," said Congressman Gonzalez. "They continue to say that they will cut our record-setting deficits and pay down the increasing national debt, but during the Bush administration each spring has seen more fiscal recklessness. Yet, this year Republicans have snuck into the Budget an increase for the national debt ceiling to spare their side of the aisle from going on record to vote to increase the debt in a stand alone bill. It is irresponsible to pass the bill down to our children and grandchildren.

In contrast, Congressman John Spratt, head Democrat on the Budget Committee, offered an amendment that would have reinstated the budgetary rules that produced surpluses during the Clinton administration. Yet, Republicans chose instead to perpetuate policies that push America further into the red."

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