## **Budget Resolution Highlights**

#### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility**

- Puts nation back on sound fiscal path
- Balances by 2012
- Reduces spending as share of GDP
- Reduces debt as share of GDP after 2009
- Adopts spending caps and restores strong paygo rule

#### **Meets Nation's Priorities**

- Rejects President's cuts in key areas
- Provides increases for kids' health (SCHIP), education, and veterans

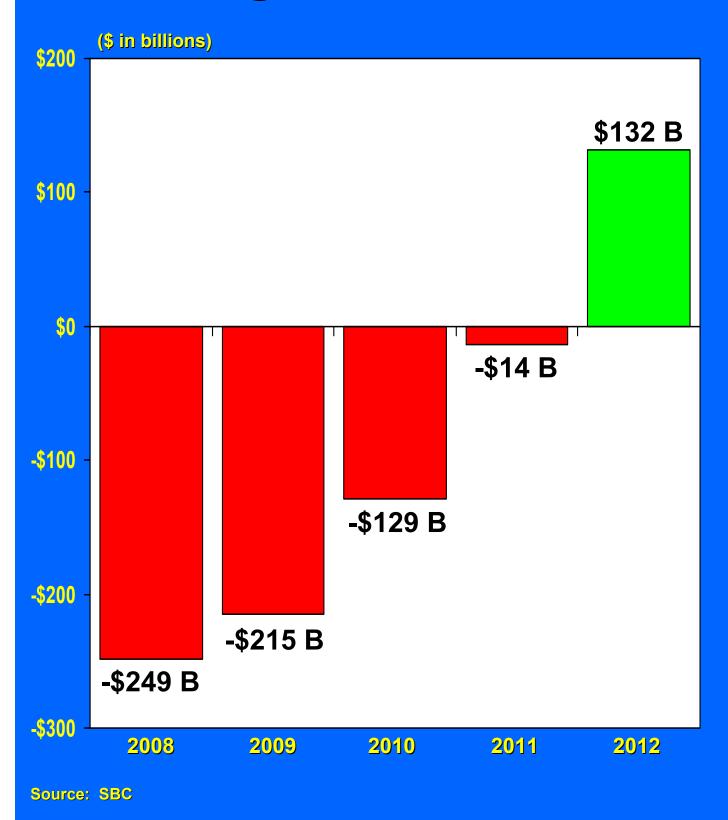
#### **Keeps Taxes Low**

- Protects middle-class with two years AMT relief
- Includes deficit-neutral reserve fund for new tax relief and extension of expiring provisions
- Includes no tax increase

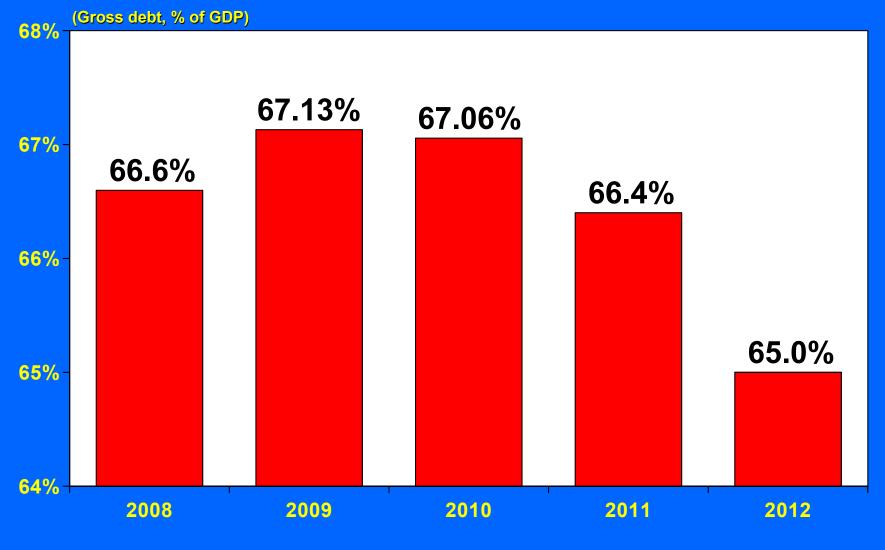
#### **Prepares for Long-Term**

- Includes 'comparative effectiveness' reserve fund to address rising health care costs
- Adopts new budget point of order against longterm deficit increases

# Deficit/Surplus Under Budget Resolution

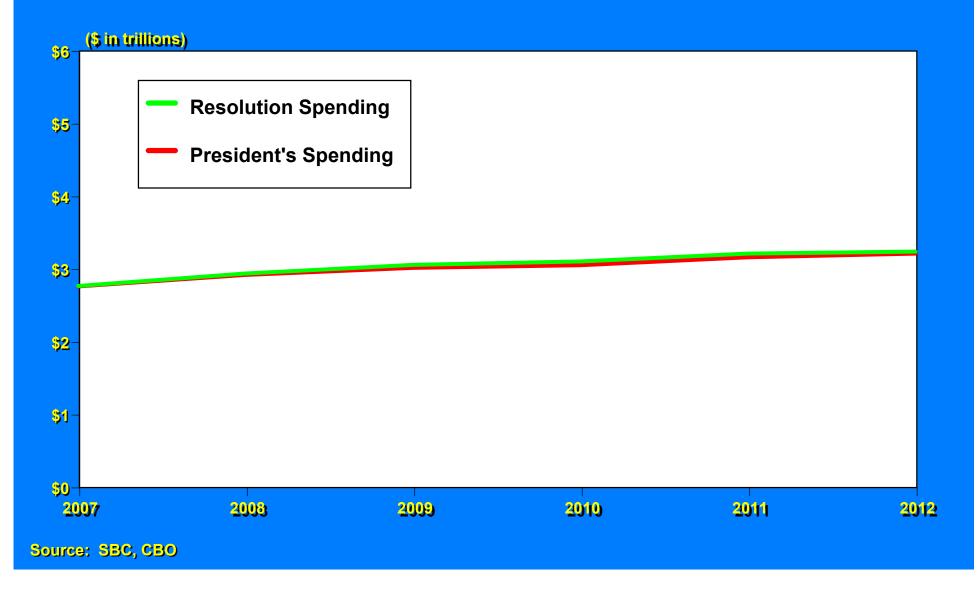


# **Debt Under Budget Resolution**

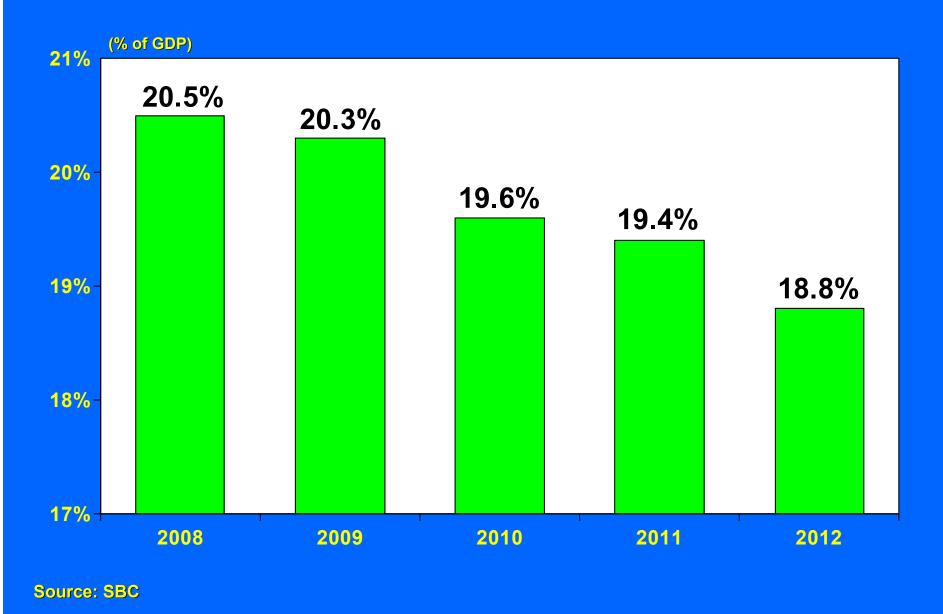


Source: SBC Democratic staff

### Comparison of Spending Under Resolution and President's Budget

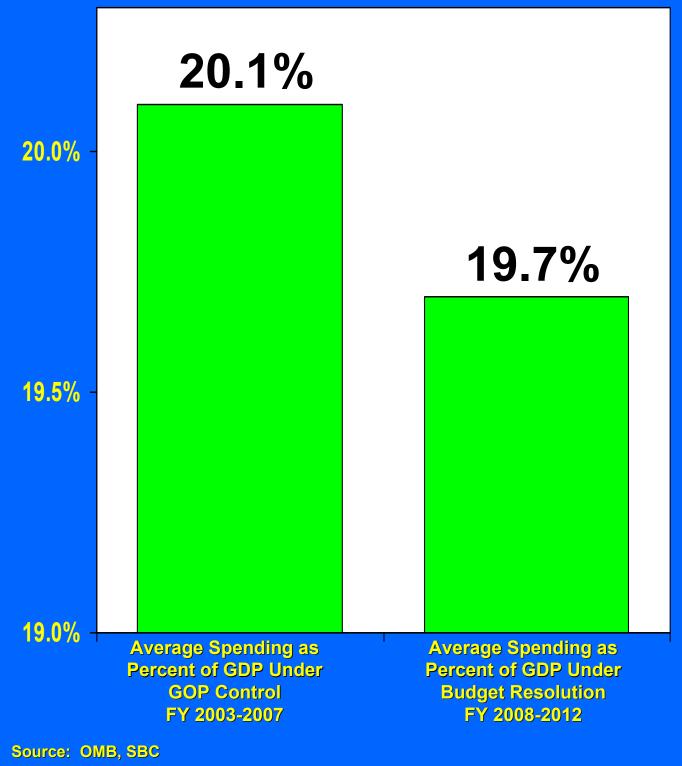


# **Spending Under Budget Resolution**



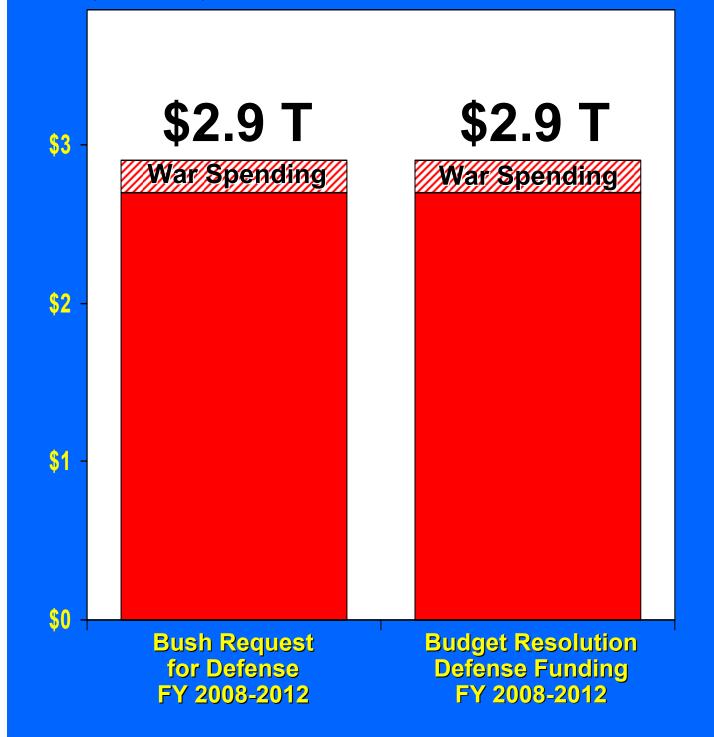
#### Budget Resolution Has Lower Spending as Percent of GDP Than Average Under GOP Control

(Spending as percent of GDP)



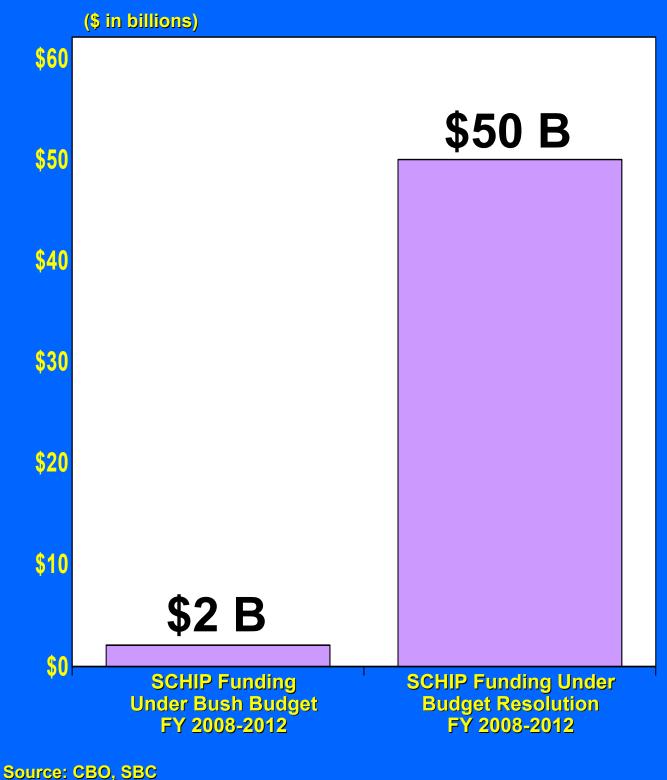
#### Budget Resolution Fully Funds Bush Defense Request Over Five Years

(\$ in trillions)



Source: OMB, SBC

#### Budget Resolution Provides Up to \$50 Billion for SCHIP Over Five Years



Note: President's SCHIP funding level includes Medicaid interaction

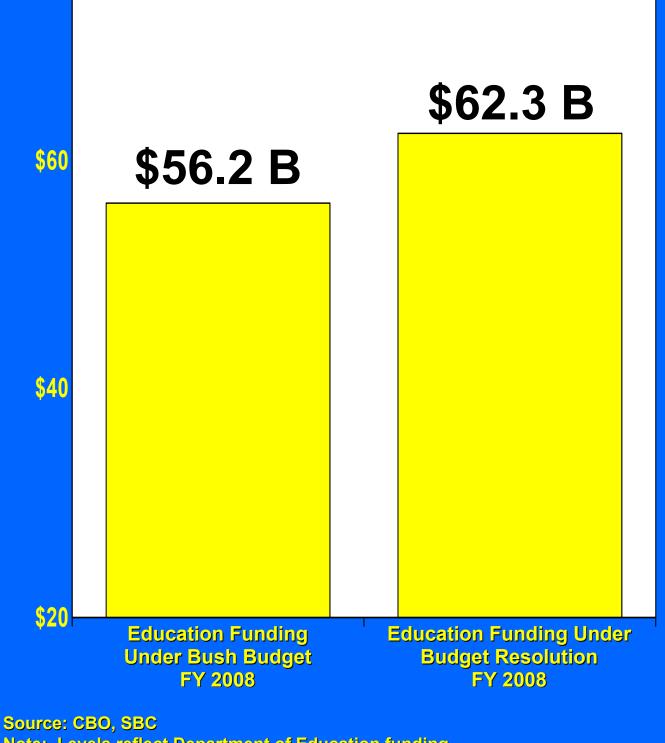
## "Unhealthy Beginning"

**"The State Child Health Insurance Program arguably** is the best thing going for children in families with annual incomes too high to be eligible for Medicaid but not high enough for them to afford private health insurance.... Statehouses across the country consider the SCHIP a winner ... At issue is President Bush's budget plan changing aspects of the funding and direction of the program, forcing states to scale back or scratch up more funds to keep their programs at current levels. Why scramble something that is working well?"

> The Akron Beacon Journal (Ohio) March 4, 2007

#### Budget Resolution Provides \$6.1 Billion More than Bush Budget for Education





Note: Levels reflect Department of Education funding

### Budget Resolution Provides \$3.5 Billion More Than Bush Budget for Veterans

(Veterans funding in 2008, \$ in billions) \$45 \$43.1 B \$39.6 B \$40 \$35 \$30 Veterans Funding **Veterans Funding Under Under Bush Budget Budget Resolution** FY 2008 **FY 2008** 

Source: CBO, SBC

#### Budget Resolution Provides More for Veterans' Medical Care than Independent Budget Request

Veterans' Account	Independent Budget	Budget Resolution
Medical Care	\$36.3 Billion	\$36.9 Billion
Information Technology	\$1.3 Billion	\$1.6 Billion
Medical and Prosthetic Research	\$480 Million	\$481 Million
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$2.23 Billion	\$2.23 Billion
Construction	\$2.14 Billion	\$960 Million

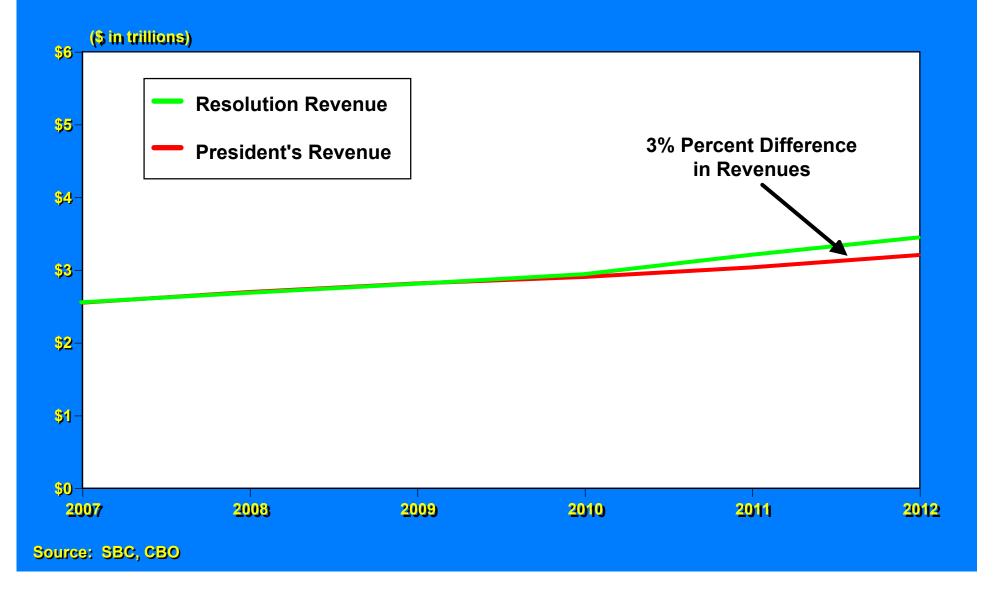
### Other Priorities in Budget Resolution

- Law enforcement COPS/first responders
- Heating assistance LIHEAP
- Community development CDBG
- Transportation Amtrak

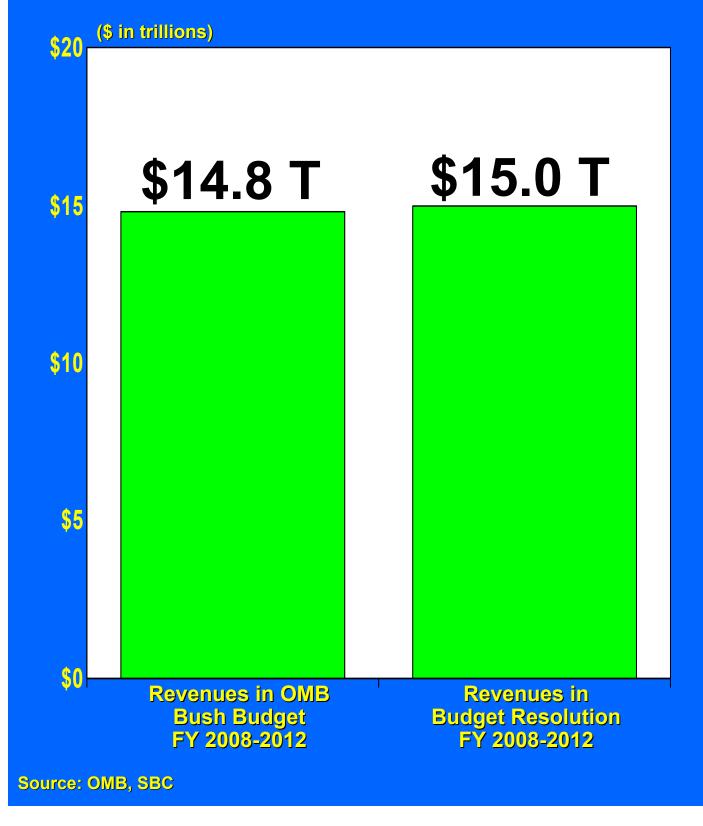
## Revenues in Budget Resolution

- Protects middle-class taxpayers with two years of AMT relief, fully offset
- Deficit-neutral reserve fund for tax relief, including extension of expiring provisions
- Calls for new measures to close tax gap, shut tax shelters, and address offshore tax havens
- Calls for tax simplification and reform
- Includes no tax increase

#### Comparison of Revenues Under Resolution and President's Budget

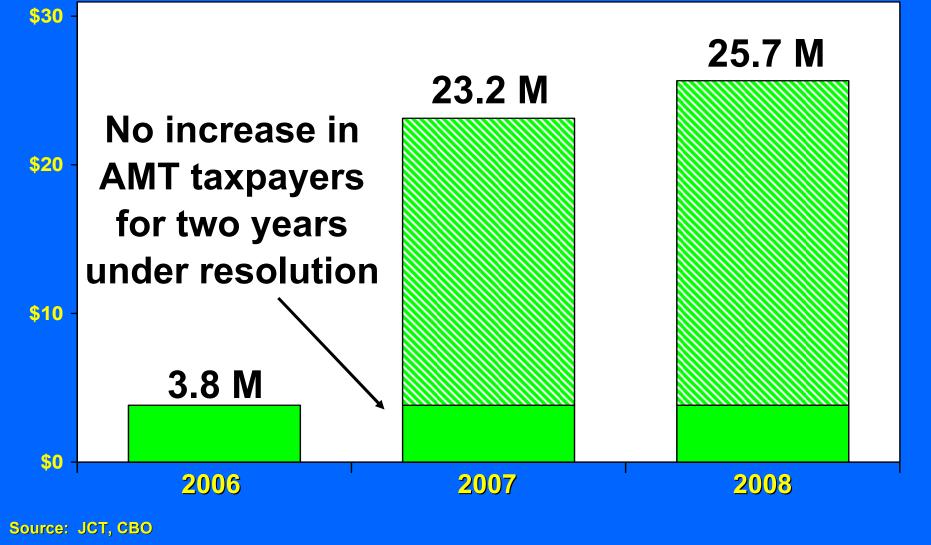


#### Budget Resolution Revenues Above Bush Budget Revenues by Only 1.2 Percent



## AMT Relief for Two Years (with cost offset)





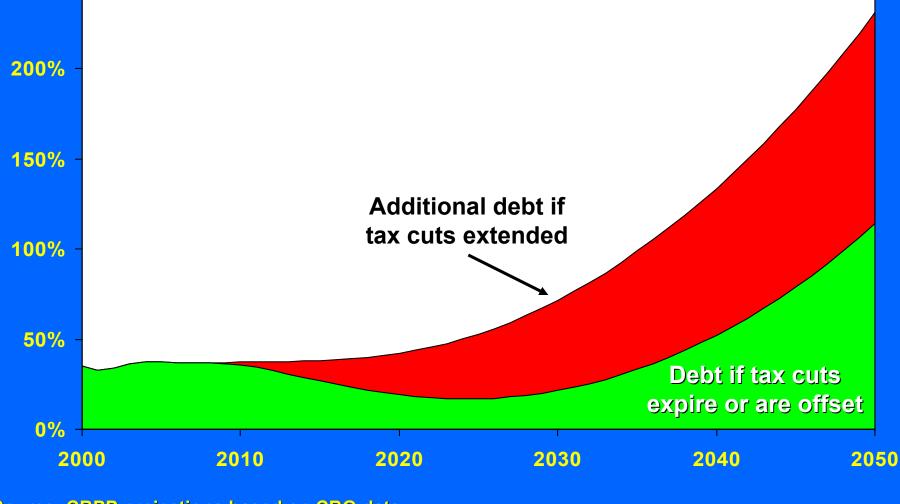
# GAO Comptroller General Walker on Solving Nation's Fiscal Problems

"If we look into the future and face the facts, we'll see that our problem is not just on the spending side and entitlements. It's also on the revenue side."

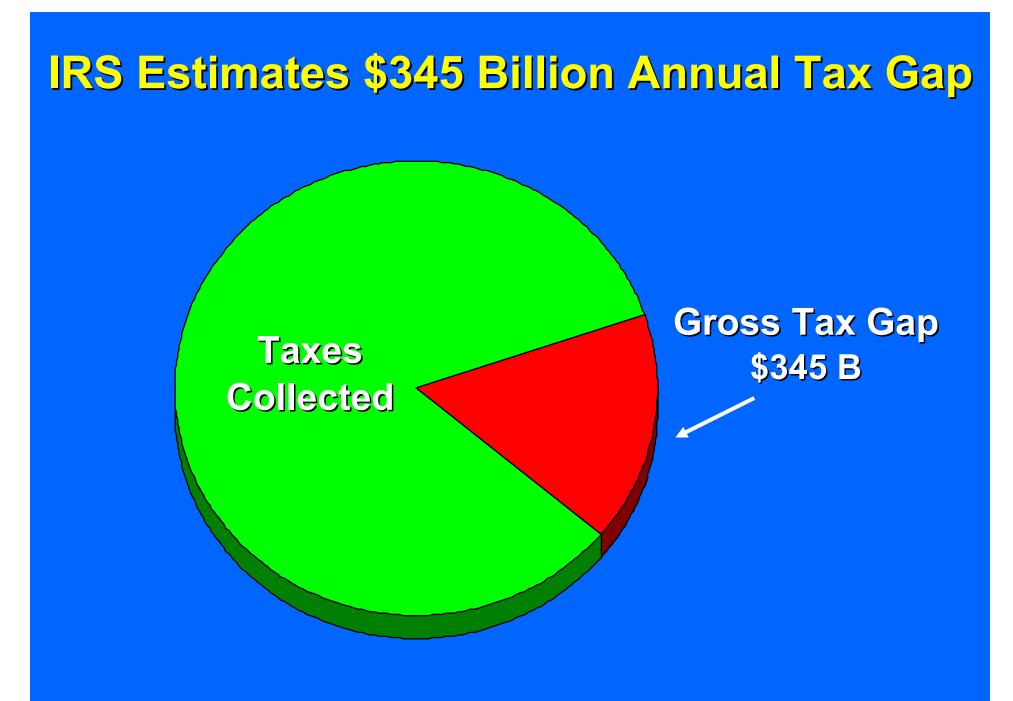
> Government Accountability Office Comptroller General David Walker Remarks to American Institute for Certified Public Accountants August 21, 2006

## Debt Explodes if All Tax Cuts are Extended Without Offsets

Debt as a Share of the Economy



Source: CBPP projections based on CBO data.



Source: IRS estimate of 2001 tax gap, February, 2006

## National Taxpayer Advocate Finds Tax Gap Adding More Than \$2,000 to Average Household Tax Bill

"Compliant taxpayers pay a great deal of money each year to subsidize noncompliance by others. ... [E]ach household was effectively assessed an average 'surtax' of about \$2,680 to subsidize noncompliance [in 2001]. That is not a burden we should expect our nation's taxpayers to bear lightly."

> –National Taxpayer Advocate Nina E. Olson 2006 Annual Report to Congress January 9, 2007

# Five-Story Cayman Islands Building That 12,748 Companies Call Home



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> -USA Today September 14, 2006

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"Once your assets have been transferred to an offshore entity ... they are safe," says website Carib-Offshore.com. "You can't be taxed on them."

> -USA Today September 14, 2006

## Offshore Tax Haven Abuse Proliferating

"Experts have estimated that the total loss to the Treasury from offshore tax evasion alone approaches \$100 billion per year, including \$40 to \$70 billion from individuals and another \$30 billion from corporations engaging in offshore tax evasion. Abusive tax shelters add tens of billions of dollars more."

> Press Release
>  Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations February 17, 2007









# Closing Loopholes and Abusive Tax Shelters Are Not Tax Increases

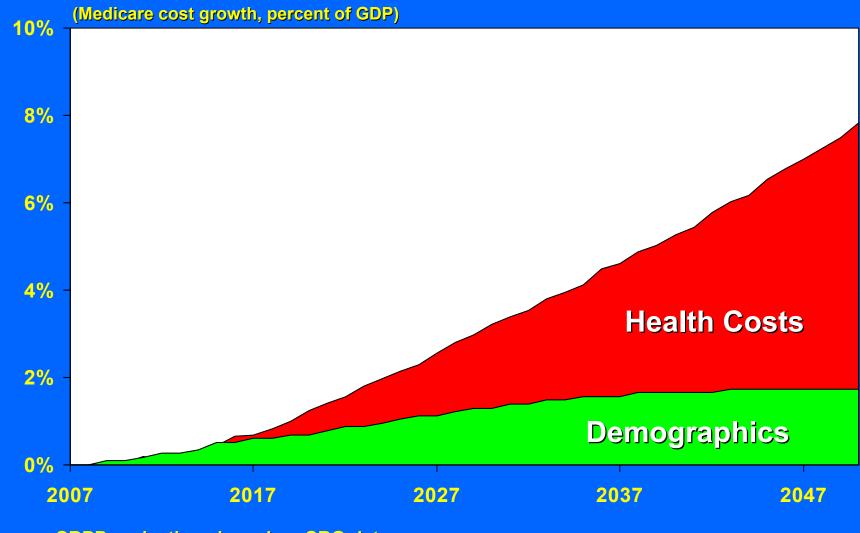
"Just in the period of time since 2001, our committee has raised around \$200 billion in new revenues by shutting down tax shelters, by closing inversions and other abusive tax schemes. Now just in the year 2004 alone, the Finance Committee fully offset a \$137 billion tax bill at no expense to the American taxpayers."

> Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA) Senate Floor Statement March 15, 2006

## Budget Resolution Provisions Addressing Long-Term Fiscal Challenges

- \$15 billion in Medicare savings
- Program integrity initiatives to crack down on waste, fraud, and abuse
- New mandatory spending and tax cuts must be paid for – paygo
- Long-term deficit increase point of order
- Save Social Security First point of order
- Health IT reserve fund
- Comparative Effectiveness reserve fund

## Rising Health Care Costs Driving Medicare Cost Growth



Source: CBPP projections based on CBO data.

## Comparative Effectiveness Reserve Fund

- Will jumpstart effort to bring down health care costs
- New initiative to provide research on effectiveness of different treatments, medical devices, and drugs

## HHS Secretary Leavitt on Medicare Fraud

"It's evident that there is substantial fraud going on in the Medicare program and we need to be able to have the resources to root it out, to prosecute it and to make certain that it stops.... [I]t's a desperate need, we have to have more resources for enforcement."

> Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt Testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies February 27, 2007



## Budget Enforcement in Budget Resolution

- Discretionary caps for 2007 and 2008
- Restores strong paygo rule
- Point of order against longterm deficit increases
- Allows reconciliation for deficit reduction only