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National Taxpayers Union Vote Alert

NTU urges all Members to vote “No” on the Majority’s Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 85). Should the provisions of this plan be adopted, the national debt would double in less than a decade, entitlement spending would receive an unwarranted trillion-dollar boost, higher taxes would punish small business employers and investors, the death tax would return with a vengeance, Social Security and Medicare would remain largely unreformed, energy prices would increase, and deficit spending as a share of the economy would hit a postwar high. Although H. Con. Res. 85 is non-binding, it frames a blueprint that taxpayers find unacceptable – a profligate agenda that will leave future generations with lower living standards.

The Minority’s substitute Budget Resolution would admirably extend the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, provide tax system simplification, and freeze most domestic discretionary spending. The Republican Study Committee’s (RSC) alternative, however, is the best plan to actually roll back numerous wasteful or low-priority spending programs, reform entitlements, address earmarks, and balance the federal budget. **Accordingly, roll call votes in favor of the RSC and Minority substitutes, along with votes against the Congressional Black Caucus alternative, the Progressive Caucus substitute, and Majority Budget Resolution, will be heavily weighted as pro-taxpayer votes in NTU’s 2009 Rating of Congress.**

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