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Representative Ron Paul's Statement on the Budget Spending Package Passed by the House on Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Statement by US Representative Ron Paul on the spending portion of the Fiscal Year 1998 Budget:

"I voted against the proposed spending side of the budget agreement originally and on Thursday for one very simple reason: it is far too big. This budget continues the unconstitutional spending which has brought us the fiscal problems we are experiencing today. In fact, the spending not only increases but there are whole new social-welfare programs included. The bottom-line is this: this is a budget we cannot afford.

"The odds are slim-to-none that this and coming budgets, produced by the prevailing philosophy of Washington, will stumble into "balance" at some future date without the use of creative accounting techniques.

"The people of the United States deserve an honest budget which has constitutional spending. We must make serious cuts, real cuts, in the budget for that to occur: without harming a single taxpayer we could cut the departments of education, energy, labor and commerce, and we could eliminate foreign aid, stop policing the world, and shore up our defenses at home."