

BALANCE THE BUDGET. Congressman Forbes supported a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, H.J.Res.2, which would require that Congress not spend more than it takes in. Additionally, the amendment would require a three-fifths majority in both chambers to raise the debt ceiling and would legally require the president to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually. Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate, and ratification by three-fourths of the states to take effect.

NO PAY INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS Given the current state of our economy which has saddled our working class with widespread joblessness, Congressman Forbes has consistently voted for and cosponsored legislation to stop the automatic pay increase for Congress.

CUT, CAP, AND BALANCE. Congressman Forbes supported the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act, H.R.2560, which would cut spending by \$111 billion in Fiscal Year 2012, cap spending at 19.9% of the nation's gross domestic product, and require passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution before the debt limit could be raised.

TIE CONGRESSIONAL PAY TO SPENDING. Congressman Forbes introduced legislation, H.R. 3136, that would tie Member of Congress salaries to spending - the more they spend, the less they make. For example, if spending increased by 7%, Members' salaries would be cut by 7% the following year.

VOTED AGAINST ALL STIMULUS AND BAILOUT PACKAGES. Congressman Forbes was one of only 17 out of 435 Members of Congress to vote against all stimulus and bailout packages under both Presidents Bush and Obama because he believed it set a precedent that the federal government could not afford to maintain.

AUDIT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. Congressman Forbes has supported legislation to audit the Federal Reserve, H.R. 459. In addition, he has stood against strong defense cuts, but has called for a full audit of the Department of Defense in order to increase accountability of taxpayer dollars.

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