

Key Vote NO: Conference Report on S. Con. Res. 13 *Obama, Pelosi, Reid Budget*

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On behalf of hundreds of thousands of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to vote “No” on the Conference Report on S. Con. Res 13, the Obama-Pelosi-Reid budget. Their budget taxes too much, spends too much, and borrows too much. And, potentially worst of all, it would open the door for socialized medicine and a massive energy tax to be enacted later this year without substantial debate through the reconciliation process.

No one voting for this budget—Democrat or Republican—will have any credibility in the future as a fiscal conservative.

The budget increases taxes by around \$1.5 trillion, including taxes on investors, small business, and energy. Economists say when you want less of something, tax it. With the taxes in this budget we will get less investment, less small business, and less energy. This is the opposite of what we need in a recession. The mandate President Obama received with his election was to cut taxes for 95 percent of Americans. This budget raises taxes on 100 percent of Americans.

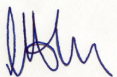
The budget increases spending to dangerous levels. It spends so much that it would double in just over five years the federal debt that has taken over 200 years to accrue. If the deficits proposed in this budget are realized, the eleven highest deficits in American history will be the eleven years from 2009-2019.

To fund these record deficits, this budget asks the federal government to borrow too much. The borrowing levels are already getting to the point where the foreign lenders from whom the government borrows to fund much of this debt are balking.

Paramount to these concerns is that despite Senate motions and amendments to the contrary, reconciliation language is still embedded within this resolution. That empowers Congress to ram through major health care reform and how to fund it with a mere 50 votes in the Senate, rather than the robust debate it deserves. Health care reform and the cap and trade program proposed to fund this grand scheme will affect every part of every American life. Considering these weighty decisions under less than a full debate reduces what is supposed to be the world’s greatest deliberative body to a rubber stamp. This isn’t naming a post office – these choices will be charting the course of our nation’s future and should be treated with the appropriate gravitas and respect voters expected when they elected their leaders.

On behalf of our FreedomWorks activists, I again urge you to vote “No” on the Obama-Pelosi-Reid budget and will count your vote as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2009. The FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the Jefferson Award, which recognizes members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom

Sincerely,



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